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We were known for being unique and standing out in a crowd. We were daring, confident people who continuously strove beyond the status quo. At GW, we learned that being ourselves and finding our passions were more important than any grade in a class. This was where we discovered what kind of people we would become, what we would do and who we really were. We were bold.

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To the class of 2011,

I came to GW knowing exactly what I was going to do. Like many young people, I tried planning out my whole life at age 18. But a funny thing happened during my four years here. I learned about new and interesting topics. I found new passions. And I came to the conclusion that I didn't know anything at 18.

GW taught me all that.

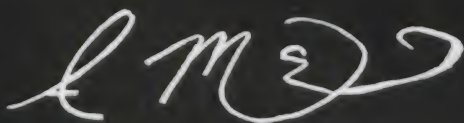
We heard at Colonial Inauguration four years ago that GW was about more than just an education. It's the GW experience. What I thought was just pomp and circumstance later turned out to be the only way to describe my time at GW.

It's all about the experience here.

Classes, internships, jobs, the city itself— all these factored into what made GW great for us. Yes, we get a diploma and can add a great university to our resumes. But what really mattered was all the little moments we experienced here. A professor talking to you about how you're doing. A class that makes you change your major. An internship that leads to your dream job. That's why we came here. We didn't just learn at GW—we lived.

We go out into the world as better people from being at GW. More prepared for the real world because we have been living in it. Ready for challenges because we have faced them. And excited for all the new moments ahead that will point us in new directions.

Keep the experience alive.

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Ash McDaniel
Editor-in-Chief



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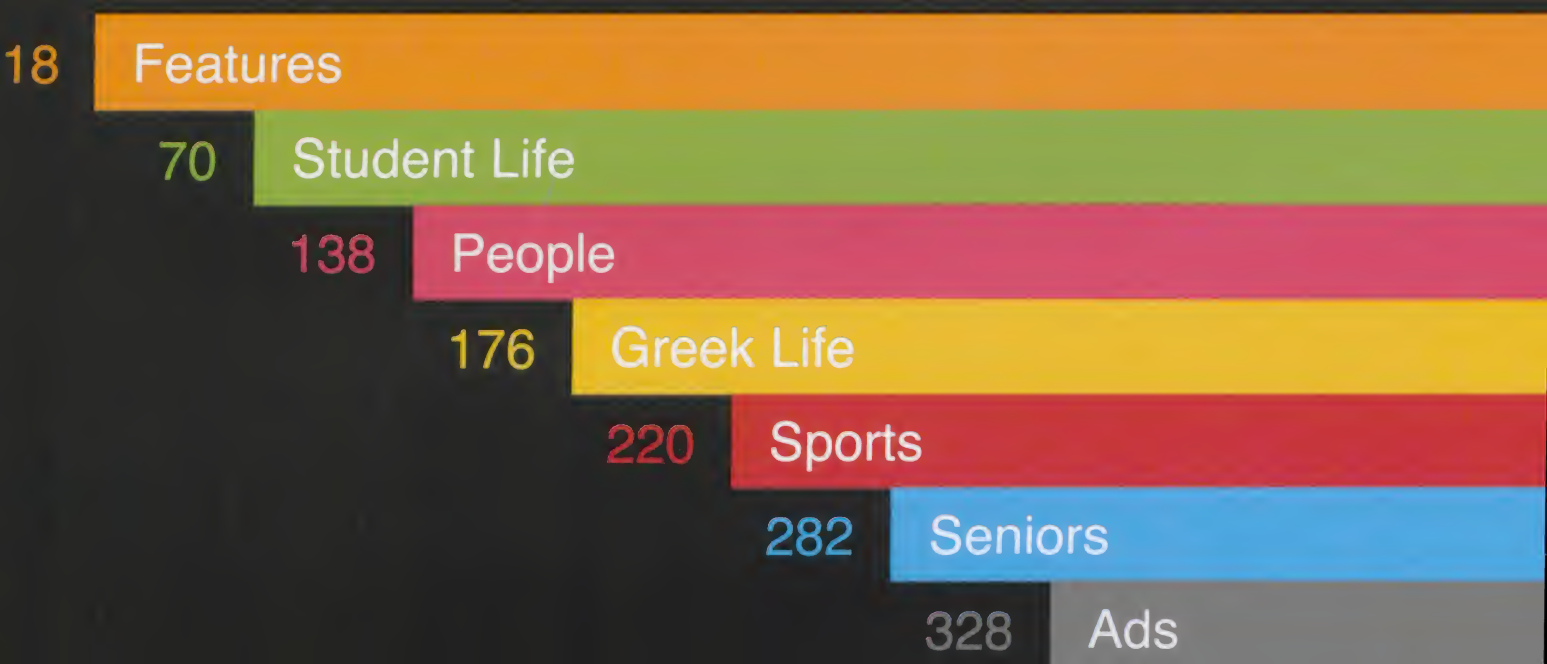


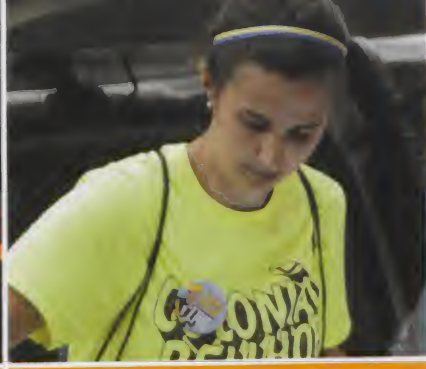
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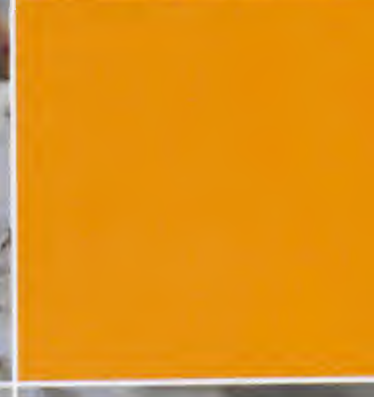
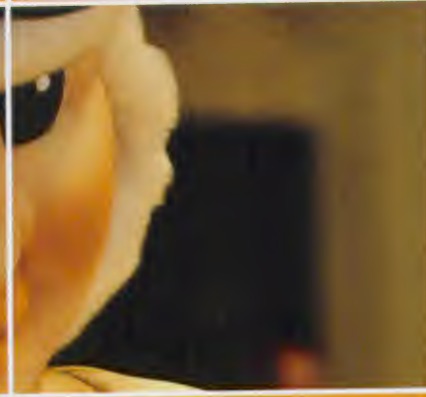
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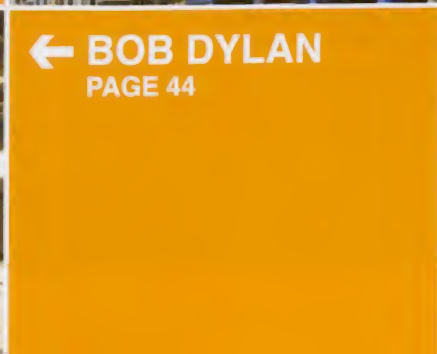
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IT FEELS GOOD TO BE HOME

Many came through campus on Move-In Day 2010, including passersby in town for political events

A crowded Foggy Bottom made Move-In Day 2010 chaotic, but students' excitement to be back in the city could not be quelled. On Saturday, Aug. 28, Foggy Bottom swarmed with GW families and out-of-town political junkies alike as students returned to campus amid dueling protests that drew thousands of tourists to the neighborhood.

Both Fox News broadcaster Glenn Beck and Rev. Al Sharpton held events at the Lincoln Memorial to commemorate the 47th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, drawing huge crowds as attendees trekked through campus on their way to the National Mall.

As freshmen moved onto campus for the first time and upperclassmen returned, the battles for parking spaces and the infamous blue moving carts grew fierce. Problems with elevators and the extra masses of people using the area's Metro stops, restaurants and sidewalks as a result of the rallies brought tensions high. Luckily, everyone had a break from D.C.'s notoriously extreme summer weather. Students' excitement to be

back with friends in the District was infectious.

The Buildings

Freshmen moved into five residence halls on the Mount Vernon campus, including the newly opened West Hall, which was also available for upperclassmen. On the Foggy Bottom campus, two first year halls were under renovation for 2010-2011 and freshmen moved into Thurston, Potomac, Crawford and Madison Halls.

Upperclassmen swarmed the familiar Foggy Bottom campus as they carried large boxes and waited in long lines at the package center. Despite the hassles of Move-In Day, most students loved their new rooms.

"I was absolutely obsessed with South Hall," senior Jackie Geller said. "It was better than I could have imagined."

Juniors and seniors who moved off campus into the many surrounding apartments spent the day trading furniture and finding people with cars willing to drive to Costco and Ikea.

The Protests

Students were entertained, but often annoyed, with the protestors who passed through campus on their way to the National Mall.

"The amount of people was definitely crazy," Geller said. "They were everywhere."

Many tourists made stops at on-campus eateries like Ivory Tower and Tonic, making it difficult for GW families to find places to get lunch away from the crowds. Moreover, inflammatory banners and slogans from both sides flew around campus, sparking further tension. American flags were abundant among rally attendees, which created a red, white and blue color palette on the usually buff and blue campus.

Eventually, the crowds left the city, GW parents kissed their children goodbye and students found their forgotten friends after the long, hot summer. By the end of Move-In Day, students were settled into their apartments and residence halls and everyone was a mix of nerves and excitement as they looked ahead to the new school year.





FALL FESTIVITIES

Concerts, music and give-aways welcomed students back

GW students got back into the campus groove during a hot Welcome Week 2010 with fun give-aways, free food and the crowd pleasing Fall Fest concert with performances by Travie McCoy and District local Wale.

Although homework had not yet been assigned and there were no papers to write, students had plenty to do with books to buy, rooms to decorate and friends to see— in addition to the many events organized by the university. Events like Senior

Breakfast, Target Takeover and Freshman Convocation kept students busy.

Fall Fest

Welcome Week's culminating event was Fall Fest, which was a highlight for many students. The day was sunny and the D.C. heat was not all-encompassing, setting up a beautiful, breezy afternoon and cool evening.

"I think Fall Fest was really fun," freshman Ellen Louie said.



"It was a good opportunity to meet people."

The events before the performances by Travie McCoy and Wale were a big success. Lots of food was available, a definite draw for any starving college student. In addition, free cosmetics, shirts and energy drinks were given to students. There was a free photo booth and Coke provided a large, interactive, recycling booth. Sword fighting and sumo wrestling games were also free for stu-

dents to enjoy and release their pent up nerves. Less aggressive students enjoyed watching as others fought their friends in the heavily padded pens.

"It was awesome," sophomore Allie Bono said. "There were tons of people so it was a little crowded, but it had tons of diverse activities and the food was great, too— so that helps!"

Capital Funk also performed a stellar, snappy performance. They commanded the attention of everyone who was at Fall

Fest before the concert started.

Music

Travie McCoy, lead singer of the Gym Class Heroes, performed first. Many students came and sang along, enjoying the encroaching darkness. McCoy's song "Billionaire" was a summer hit, so many knew the words and enthusiastically sang along.

D.C. local Wale commanded a huge dancing and rapping

crowd. Students enjoyed authentic go-go music and participated with the performers, some even going on stage.

"Travie McCoy was very entertaining," junior Louie Diller said. "He had some great songs to groove along to. And Wale brought the fire and the D.C. heat."

Whether they danced, sang, ate, fought or simply gathered everything free they could, all students enjoyed Welcome Week and Fall Fest.

ALUMNI REMAINED A PRESENCE

Alumni returned to campus to remember their fun times at GW during Alumni Weekend

Alumni Weekend 2010 was a time for reconnecting with old friends, retracing old steps and seeing the many impressive changes to campus. A concert and numerous events were also on schedule for the weekend, and even current students were clamoring to take part.

While all GW grads were welcome, the weekend's festivities were focused on alumni from the 1960, 1970, 1980, 1985, 1990,

2000 and 2005 graduating classes. Almost 2,000 alumni and friends came to campus to join the celebration and for the first time, Alumni Weekend included a musical guest to remind attendants of their time in school. The Barenaked Ladies sang, danced and entertained the crowd Friday night to kick off the weekend. Alumni attended the concert for free and drinks and hors d'oeuvres as well. Seats were open

to alumni who wanted to observe, but most stood up and sang along with the performers.

"The alumni I talked to think it was phenomenal and better than they were expecting," Alumni Association president Laura Downs said.

Alumni Weekend worked to connect alumni with their college friends and help them remember their college days.

Spotlight on the Alumni Association and its President Laura Taddeucci Downs

The Alumni Association sought to strengthen its interaction with the university by working toward three main goals—lifetime connection with the university, a culture of giving back and gathering an alumni voice. Alumni Weekend was a major part of these plans. Alumni Weekend had previously been combined with Colonials Weekend, but it became its own event in 2007 and grew bigger every year.

"It was time to really improve the event and make it bigger and better every year," Downs said. "So that was the idea with having the concert. Alumni remember there was always

something exciting happening at GW, and I think that's what Alumni Weekend was missing. I think they will continue to do some kind of big performance from now on."

The Alumni Association also organized other events throughout the year, including awards for distinguished alumni. During the awards ceremony held each fall, seven alumni received awards for their professional accomplishments.

"It's amazing to hear these professionals that have achieved so much in their life and credit it all back to GW," Downs said. "You know it was because they took this course or had

this professor in their life and its very humbling to hear all these achievements and they thank the university for that."

The Alumni Association worked hard to connect alumni back with the university and to foster a strong GW community.

Downs described the new theme of the Alumni Association. "We are really trying to reach out to students, it kind of demystifies the whole thing that alumni are these older kind of stuffy people."

Downs described the Alumni Association as "not your grandfather's Alumni Association"



A WEEKEND OF SCHOOL SPIRIT AND ACTIVITIES

Jimmy Fallon performed, dinners were served and pantries were filled when parents visited for Colonials Weekend

From Colonials Invasion, which ramped up school spirit, to a night of performances by Jimmy Fallon, all students and many parents got to enjoy the weekend of GW pride and activities.

Colonials Weekend marked the midpoint of the fall 2010 semester. Parents came to see their students' new homes and friends and to hear about classes. They also made sure that their students, especially the freshmen, knew how to keep themselves healthy and their rooms neat. Others came simply to have a vacation themselves and visit the nation's capital, with their GW students serving as an excuse for a vacation.

"My mom is in love with D.C. and comes every chance she gets," senior Colleen Shalby said. "Since this was my senior year, she wanted to make sure to come to Colonials Weekend."

Many parents came to campus to spoil their students. They drove to Costco and Target to stock up on dorm supplies and groceries. Delicious dinners were eaten at the many restaurants students usually found just outside of their price range. Parents enjoyed meeting their children's friends, roommates and even the occasional professor. Even students whose parents did not attend often tagged along with friends.

"My mom took a group of my friends out to dinner in Dupont," Shalby said. "It's probably one of

my favorite memories because she treated us for dinner and got to know my friends better."

Colonials Weekend was a weekend of carefree revelry. Many parents joined their students' usual G-Dub fun.

Jimmy Fallon

Former Saturday Night Live performer and writer Jimmy Fallon headlined Colonials Weekend 2010. His act, geared toward GW students and their families, was a hit among the thousands of audience members.

Fallon earned many laughs with his satirical musical numbers and comical stories, during which he loyally wore a GW sweatshirt.

At one point, he called an audience member to help with a song, only to find journalist Wolf Blitzer in the front row. With some convincing, Fallon persuaded Blitzer to sing "Balls" on stage, to the joys of audience members and rival news correspondents.

"Jimmy Fallon was hilarious," Shalby said. "Wolf Blitzer was probably my favorite part of the show because it was so unexpected, but it was so typical GW."

The night of performances and music was everything GW students needed to forget the approaching cold weather and midterms, and to find a way to have fun with their parents on a Saturday night.







G-DUB PRIDE

GW Gear

GW students had lots of school pride in 2010. From the many traditions, to the school gear, to the ringing of the Fight Song every day at 6 p.m., GW pride was all over campus. Students were frequently seen wearing Buff and Blue while walking around campus, or in class, reminding everyone of their school and of their great pride in it.

Mascots

GW had lots of pride in its founder President Washington. To commemorate him, the university had two George Washington mascots— Big George and Little George. Little George was much better at flips and athletic ability, maybe thanks to his smaller head. But Big George could always get his groove on. The standout favorite, though, was the Hippo. Whatever their favorite mascot, GW students rallied around all of them and showed their school pride in every debate over which mascot was better.

The Hippo Statue

When students applied to GW, their tour guide may have told them about the special GW tradition of rubbing the hippo statue's head for good luck. No one seemed to know the root of this tradition and there were many doubts over how much luck the statue would actually give to students. But regardless of the origin or truth of the story, the hippo statue's head and teeth were worn down to a rusty gold from thousands of students looking for luck.

TRAVELING FAR AND WIDE



Elaine Mo | Egypt

What drew you to Egypt?

I went to Egypt in the summer and London in the fall. I had never had an interest in Egypt or the Middle East. Honestly, I went because I didn't have anything to do that summer. And it was the best decision of my life! I had so much fun!

Do you think being abroad was an essential part of your GW experience? Why or why not?

I think studying abroad is definitely an essential part of the GW experience. With so many international kids at the school, it is interesting to be a minority and to be the international kid yourself. Also, I think that students should take advantage of studying abroad, because there will probably not be another time when students can live and study abroad.



Shuvi Sommer | France

What drew you to France?

I went to Paris, France. I had always wanted to go and it was one of the many places I had not yet been in Europe. Even though I didn't speak the language, I went for an adventure!

What did you learn abroad that has affected you when you arrived home?

I learned more about myself while I was abroad. I learned that I can be more independent and that I don't need to be constantly surrounded by people. I also learned that with a lot of effort I could speak some French and be understood.

GW students were an international bunch.
Many lived their dreams of studying abroad.



Luke Coffee | Costa Rica

What was the hardest thing about being abroad?

The hardest part about being abroad was leaving. I never really experienced the "culture shock." I felt really at home in pretty much every aspect. One thing that was consistently annoying, though, was that all of the Costa Ricans under 24 were into metal (like Black Sabbath, Metallica, etc.). I'm not against metal but sometimes enough is enough.

What was the best part about being abroad?

The thing I'm happiest I did and felt like I got the most out of was volunteering four times a week as an assistant teacher for English as a second language. It was an amazing opportunity to simultaneously use colloquial Spanish and have a great time teaching the kids a useful skill. I also made good friends with the head English teacher who offered to hire me for a full teaching position once I graduate.



Micah Cohen | Spain

What was your favorite place you visited while abroad?

My favorite place to visit while abroad was Ljubljana, Slovenia. In Slovenia, one can live in Soviet style apartment, hike around a medieval castles, explore ancient caves, learn about local dragon legends, eat heavy meat pies (Burek) and stay next door to an artist squat (Metelkova).

What did you learn abroad that has affected you when you arrived home?

I learned that I have a sense of spirit and adventure. I dealt with the frustrations of travel while learning the meaning of patience and determination. Being homeless a night in Barcelona due to airline strikes in Paris does that to a person. I am now more open to new opportunities and now I recognize the value of friendly conversations with strangers.



ALL DRESSED UP

A love of shoes at the Drag Race

Seniors Chad Latawiec and Eric Rosenfield knew the challenges of dressing up like girls. Both ran the D.C. Drag Race multiple times during their years at GW, with their costumes becoming more elaborate and scandalous every year. They both looked forward to the event more than Halloween and planned their outfits for weeks, even buying new heels every October.

"I think it's fun," Latawiec said. "It's some-

thing I wouldn't normally do. It's one day when I put on an outfit and feel like I'm a celebrity. You can go up and talk to anyone in the crowd, and they'll think you're the greatest thing ever cause you're putting heels on."

"No one is there judging you," Rosenfield said. "Everyone is there complimenting you. It's a good night"

For the 2010 race, Latawiec and Rosenfield dressed as witches,

complete with skirts, wigs and giant witch hats. Both needed lessons on painting nails, where to look while putting on mascara, how to put on tights without ripping them and how to stuff a bra, but neither needed lessons on their heels.

Rosenfield said he bought "five-inch, strappy heels I got on sale. I love the height. The height is the best thing."

Latawiec described the challenge of the first time

they went shoe shopping. "We didn't know what our size in women's shoes would be, so we doubled it," he said. Ultimately, he was happy this was an overestimate so they had more choices than they anticipated.

With Latawiec in his leather boots and Rosenfield in the strappy stilettos he loved, the pair proved men could transform into fabulous women with minimal lessons from their female friends.



Students surrendered to the mystery of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show”

The 2010 staging of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” marked the 16th year that virgins and veterans alike flocked to Forbidden Planet Productions’ October show. Students screened the cult classic while providing singing, dancing and audience participation over the film’s soundtrack.

Costumed students waited for hours to get into the Manning Center’s

mance. The line wrapped around the third floor hallways and many hopefuls were turned away when the show sold out.

Students who did make it inside were rewarded with a spectacle. The Virgin Games brought confused newcomers onto the stage and asked them to act out suggestive positions and answer outrageous ques-

as much a part of the show as the cast itself, audience members came decked in what director Kate Meroski deemed “formal Rocky attire: fishnets, makeup, corsets and cleavage for all sexes were all highly encouraged.”

“The Rocky Horror Picture Show” told the story of Brad Majors and his fiancée Janet Weiss, a perfectly

flat tire landed them at the castle of Frank N. Furter, a sweet transvestite with some unorthodox ideas. Frank, Brad, Janet and a host of other “unconventional conventionalists” all came together to make Rocky Horror an unforgettable GW experience that had audience members coming back again and again.

BREAKFAST AT MIDNIGHT

A GW tradition offered students a break from finals with performances and free food

The all night-ers and late night study sessions that came with final exams became the stuff of legend for many GW students, but Midnight Breakfast was an annual excuse for a study break and some free food. The tradition marked its 25th year on Dec. 13, when SAC reported feeding and entertaining 2,500 students at the Marvin Center event.

Midnight Breakfast offered a wide variety of activities for harried students. Student groups, including Capital Funk and several singing ensembles, performed for stressed out attendees. In honor of Midnight Breakfast's silver anniversary, both vanilla and chocolate cakes were served, in addition to French toast, sausages and eggs. The Student Activities Center also used the event to gather donated

school supplies for homeless students at Bright Beginnings School.

"Midnight Breakfast was pretty fun," senior Micah Foster said. "A ton of people were there and it was really great to see people outside of settings that I would normally only see them in. The food was pretty decent. I definitely loaded up on the French toast and desserts."

Students also made holiday cards for the homeless while talking with friends. Twister was available for students who wanted to stretch their muscles with the old party favorite. Students whose brains were not yet fried constructed sculptures from marshmallows and raw pasta. It was a welcome and successful study break.

"Taking a break from study-

ing for finals for me means trying to avoid computers, reading and sitting for a half an hour to an hour," Foster said. "So usually I try to go for a run or make some food for later. The Midnight Breakfast was a pretty good stress reliever because it gave me a chance to talk with some friends and enjoy free food."

The season's first snow began around 11:30 on the night of Midnight Breakfast, which provided even more fun as students forgot about upcoming tests and overdue papers and trekked to the Marvin Center. Some tried to make snow angels and start snowball fights in the cold, while others just enjoyed watching the flakes fall and stick to their hair and coats. A white blanket covered Foggy Bottom with two inches of fresh snow.



GEORGE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY WENT UP IN FLAMES

On Feb. 22, GW students and faculty braved chilly weather to commemorate the 279th birthday of the nation and university's namesake. The celebration began with roaring fight songs played by Colonial Brass and continued with speeches from student leaders and the university president.

Another highlight of the birthday party— the pie-eating contest— was as fun as it was messy. Seven lucky GW students sat down with two minutes to eat as much pie as possible without using their hands. Judges watched closely as contestants dove face-first into the delicious—but formidable—challenge. By the end of the contest, all seven participants had cherry-red faces. Big George presented the lucky winner with a spirit pack of Colonials merchandise.

Shortly after the contest, the crowd migrated to the center of University Yard, where a pyre was already waiting for the event's celebratory bonfire.

"This is the first time in my four years here that I am going to get to see the bonfire," university president Steven Knapp said. "For the last three years, we've had the wind equivalent of a rain check."

Students did not let

the cold weather bring them down, and instead welcomed the heat from the large fire. Although the wind in 2011 was milder than it had been on previous attempts to start the bonfire, it was by no means tame.

"My favorite part was the wind," senior Derek Sarshad said. "It made trying to roast marshmallows a dangerous game and added excitement. I would say the weather didn't ruin the experience but probably made it!"

Hundreds of members of the GW community were united as they huddled to make the most of the blaze's warmth. The crowd was made up of freshmen like Daniel Foreman— who got involved by participating in the pie-eating contest—, law students and everything in between.

This tradition, hosted every year by GW Events, also kicked off GW Spirit's Homecoming Hoopla 2011. As a lead-up to the following weekend's homecoming basketball game against Temple, announcements were made about the six students nominated for Mr. and Mrs. GW.

In the end, the bonfire and cherry pie contest was the perfect way to celebrate the birthday of the most important person to GW— George Washington himself.



GWCELEBRATEDSPRING

Spring Fling was GW's annual event to mark the end of the school year and it was a huge success in 2011. The day was filled with intense wind and rolling thunderstorms, which forced Spring Fling organizers to move the concert inside the Smith Center. GW students still showed up in huge numbers to see popular hip hop artists Mike Posner and Chiddy Bang. The acts had everyone on their feet dancing while the Smith Center filled with music.

Program Board Concerts Chair Daniel Reef was very proud of the hard work it took to achieve Spring Fling.

"The event was definitely a success," Reef said. "The artists were a huge hit. The crowd loved it. That's how I constitute a success."

Fo Bo Gro provided food, there were free T-shirts for attendees to enjoy and lots of friends to catch up with at the event. Although the Smith Center capped the number of people who could attend at 800, huge numbers of GW students were still excited to be part of the celebration.

"The best part of any event like this is to see your months of work come to fruition in a successful manner," Reef said. "It's great to see these productions go so well and to see the crowd's reaction."

All the students who attended agreed, dancing along with Chiddy Bang and singing with Mike Posner while the rain howled outside. Spring Fling was the perfect way to celebrate the new season and the end of another year at GW.



IN FULL BLOOM

D.C.'s ultimate holiday: The Cherry Blossom Festival

Every year, visitors swarmed D.C. to enjoy the cherry blossoms and in 2011, the trees did not disappoint. All over the National Mall and GW's campus, the delicate blossoms delighted passerby with clusters of white and pink flowers with a subtle floral scent.

Despite the federal government's near-shut down, celebrations in the District went off without a hitch. The parade was held on a beautiful morning, just hours after the government agreed on a budget compromise. The parade featured colorful floats,

dancers and participants from all across the US and Japan. The kite festival and other annual activities were there for children and adults alike.

As always, D.C. buzzed with tourists coming in to see- first and foremost- the blossoms in bloom. Many GW students took the blossoms as an excuse to put off classes and schoolwork and go enjoy the fresh spring sunshine. The delicate blossoms were short lived in 2011 with some tumultuous weather, but they were a delightful treat for everyone in the city.



A LEGEND



Bob Dylan performed at GW

Bob Dylan may have been 69 years old, but he proved in 2010 that he could still put on a great show. In a dynamic performance at the Smith Center, Dylan's raspy voice was a testament to his 50 years in the music business, yet he still had the presence of a legend on stage and left patrons in awe.

He began with a classic, "Rainy Day Women #12 & 35" which

was a throwback from his 1966 album "Blonde on Blonde." Dylan then went into his newer albums, which fans knew significantly less of, but just when the crowd thought Dylan was going to completely ignore the back catalog he came through, finishing off in his best performance of the night with 1965's "Ballad of a Thin Man." He followed up with an encore performance of the well-known "Like a Rolling Stone," and the crowd had no problem singing along.

"It was awesome to experience a live Bob Dylan concert," junior

Tara Messing said. "He is an icon of the '70s and I am excited I got to see him."

The most shocking part of the concert was that Dylan was never once without an instrument in hand. In fact, throughout the first three numbers, Dylan jammed on three different instruments: the harmonica, keyboard and guitar. He even did a harmonica solo in the middle of the concert, which brought the crowd to its feet.

Though most fans in attendance were in the 50-plus age group, there were plenty of students rocking out, as well.

The Smith Center was nearly sold out, including standing room on the basketball court, where fans jumped up and down, cheered and danced along with the folk star.

"I only discovered his music about five years ago," spectator Josh Gorder said. "I was mesmerized by him."

After years of touring the country, Dylan's College Tour of 2010 was a standout. It wasn't flashy—no high-tech pyrotechnics, no fancy dance moves or mosh pits—just Dylan on stage sharing the music he had loved and cared for throughout the years.

MIND THE CHALK

Students expressed themselves on Chalk Day

GW students let out their inner child on Chalk Day 2011. This annual tradition took place on the last day of classes. GW shut down H Street to allow students to draw with sidewalk chalk all over Kogan Plaza and in front of Gelman Library. With pictures ranging from monsters to Greek letters to large 2011

signs, students' colorful designs covered the street. Crossing H became a colorful adventure as some students tried not to step on the designs and others sprawled out drawing them. Chalk Day was the perfect way to end classes in 2011, as students let out that last bit of creativity before finals.



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SQUARE 55



SQUARE 54



GW introduced many changes in 2010 and 2011. From new dorms, to new plans, to new shopping centers, the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses both had new buildings for students to enjoy.

One of the biggest changes was Pelham Hall's upgrade and transition to West Hall on the Mount Vernon campus. West Hall was built primarily as a freshman residence, although all classes were welcome for its inaugural year. West Hall had many new conveniences for students to enjoy. The dining space at Mount Vernon moved to West Hall, providing more room for students to eat. Study spaces were built, where students could work on group projects or cram for tests. The new performance spaces and music studios were also a big hit.

"I have enjoyed West Hall the most so far," junior Louie Diller said. "Even though it is new to the campus, I have already spent a good deal of time at the recording studio there making good use of the amazing tracking room, microphones and outboard gear available."

On the Foggy Bottom campus, construction towered over campus. Square 54, which stood across from the GW Hospital, was redesigned. First, students watched a giant pit drilled into the earth. Then a parking garage filled the space. On top of that, three buildings soon grew to their full, D.C.-approved, height of ten stories. Two were designed as office buildings and the other as an apartment building. A Whole Foods was slated to go in the space, along with other various shops, giving students and neighbors more options for shopping.

"I am totally excited for the new building across from the hospital," Diller said. "If I can afford to live in the new apartments there, I will take that up for sure." He also expressed excitement for the new Whole Foods store.

GW also unveiled its plan for a new science and engineering center. The building would be in square 55, the space between 22nd, 23rd, H and I Streets, taking over where a parking garage and Mount Vernon shuttle stop had been located. The building would have room for the GW School of Engineering and Applied Science and the physical science departments of the Columbian College.

As the university described the space in their announcement to the community, "It will be an intellectual hub and will position GW to attract the best faculty and brightest students. Exciting research opportunities in progress and on the horizon include: renewable and sustainable energy, biomedical imaging and diagnostics, safety of hybrid and electric vehicles, nanotechnology and engineered materials."

The new and planned buildings were great additions to the GW community and were appreciated by all students.



Students sought productivity all over campus

GW students had a variety of ways to prepare for exams and papers in 2010 and 2011. By finding places all over campus- and all over the city- everyone



found a corner of peace, and hopefully productivity.

Whenever finals season rolled around, midterms loomed, or papers were put off, any passerby could count on seeing GW students studying around campus. Many studied in their rooms, others preferred Gelman and Eckles Libraries and still others found a variety of innovative study spaces.

"I usually studied in Gelman Library," senior Kaylen

Poretzky said. "I preferred the fifth floor where there were comfortable couches. The lighting was always really artificial, but it kept me focused without noticing the passage of time. Also, I would run into friends at Gelman. Everyone was there at some time or another so the random run-ins were inevitable and always a welcome study break."

When the weather was nice, many students pre-

ferred to study outside, although little was accomplished. Others found study rooms in the GW School of Business or other academic facilities. Many preferred Starbucks, thinking the hustle and bustle—and, of course, endless supply of coffee—would help them study.

During stressful weeks the majority of students changed their habits to help jumpstart productivity. Many

went to Gelman to stake out a study room, or just a comfy armchair, for hours on end.

In 2010 and 2011 GW students got down to business. Many found quiet places to spur creativity and focus; others relied on coffee to make up for a lack of sleep. But at the end of every busy week, GW students knew they had done the best they could and only spent half of the time they should have been studying on Facebook.



THE DISTRICT'S DIVERSE NEIGHBORHOODS

Adams Morgan

Many students took the Metro's red line to Adams Morgan. During the day, the National Zoo and Embassy Row were easily accessible. Moreover, at night, 21-year-old students took advantage of the area's numerous bars and late night dance spots. "On the weekends, it's hard to find a more eclectic place than Adams Morgan," senior Steve Manos said.



Georgetown

The District's oldest neighborhood continued to be a favorite for GW students. Although hesitant to venture too far up the hill for fear of running into Georgetown University students, G-Dub students frequented the movie theater, restaurants and shopping on M Street, just a short walk away. The waterfront was a great place for walks and seeing a bit of nature when the weather was nice, though the number of tourists in the area often discouraged students from traveling there on the weekends.

Dupont Circle

Always a popular spot for undergraduates, Dupont Circle offered a convenient location for students to convene off campus. Many upperclassmen moved to Dupont to take advantage of its townhouses and easy 15-minute commute. Often the first area for freshmen to explore, Dupont became as familiar as Foggy Bottom.

"My favorite place to go off-campus was Dupont," sophomore Dariya Golubkova said, "There were a lot of great places to hang, fun events. It was always exciting. I always felt like there was something going on at Dupont."



U Street

Ben's Chili Bowl and the 930 Club were just two of the many reasons students went to U Street. A popular area for spots with an underground vibe, many students trekked there to get away from campus life and see the historic side of D.C. Meridian Park's drum circle was a little-known way for students to take a study break on a nice Sunday afternoon and historic Ben's Chili Bowl always served good food.

H Street Corridor

Slightly off the beaten track was the up-and-coming H Street Corridor on H Street Northeast. It was tough to travel here, but this spot had many cheap eats and fun bars, including a miniature golf course and a beer garden. The Rock and Roll Hotel was a popular concert venue for GW music lovers and players. Adventurous students grew to love spending a day or night out in the Northeast.

Capitol Hill



Capitol Hill was a dynamic neighborhood just a short Metro trip away for GW students. Many students interned on Capitol Hill and the many surrounding offices. Others shopped at D.C.'s Eastern Market or made the trip simply to frequent the area's numerous bars and restaurants. GW students loved the power and importance Capitol Hill exuded.

"I felt comfortable when I went to Capitol Hill because I worked there," junior Kimberly Neu said, "There was a good selection of restaurants and I liked the scene. It was a combination of affordable housing and places to hang out, so most of the people who live there, work there, too, and it really fostered community."

Au Bon Pain



Au Bon Pain—or ABP for short—was a favorite lunch spot for students. Many stayed to study, others took it to go and others used the outside chairs to set up camp with friends for hours. Many professionals waded through the students to grab lunches here, and were not too annoyed by the GW banners on the walls. Many students learned of the secret half price desserts sold here at night and rarely had to fight local daytime workers for those sweet treats.



GW DAY

GW came alive during the day with a mixture of professors, students, and tourists around the campus. The area was a buzzing hub of activity and people. Students were just as likely to see a classmate running to class as a businessman running out of a cab for a meeting. Tourists blocked the sidewalks as much as students texting were in the way. Many main hubs of activity were favorites for students, some because of their status as local dives and others because they attracted the masses.



GW Deli

Many students stopped by the longtime local favorite between classes for a meal or a snack. The Deli's preference for cash and GWorld helped deter many who did not live in Foggy Bottom. The huge variety of food and drinks, as well as the delicious sandwiches made quickly at the deli, meant the line was out the door almost every day.

"I love GW Deli because it was so quintessential GW," senior Laura Levine said. "You could see people and I liked that it wasn't a chain. It was very iconic of GW."

GW NIGHT

Foggy Bottom was quieter at night. Business people all went back to their respective neighborhoods, the tourists left and all who were left in the area seemed to be students. They could be seen going to visit friends or to study. Some students got ice cream or a late night coffee. The area's bars saw a steady stream of students who were 21. And all made the epic trip to see the nearby monuments light up in glowing white at least once, if not many times, during their time in Foggy Bottom.



Many students loved visiting this local favorite at night. On weekends, Lindy's served breakfast for those who were awake early enough, but the menu was devoted primarily to their many burgers at night, all specially named. Whether it was grabbing their food to go in the basement, or sitting and watching people from the balcony while eating there, a delicious meal was found for all students at Lindy's.

Coney Island

Coney was the place to go for students seeking a midnight snack. Delicious ice cream flavors, brownies, Dream Bars and all types of toppings were there to solve students' late night munchies. For the health conscious, Skinny Minnies, with their famously low calorie count, tasted just like the real thing—or, so some were convinced. The local favorite only accepted GWorld or cash, so Coney remained an exclusive spot for students to get dessert.



PLAY BY THE RULES

D.C.'s Cardinal Rule

D.C. had one major rule that set it apart from other metropolises: don't stand on the left side of the escalators. GW students quickly learned and embraced this informal yet important regulation.

In D.C., with its long escalators down into

Metro stations and busy commuters, it simply was not cool to stand in a group or pair on escalators, blocking the left side. Doing so and blocking the traffic that chose to walk would trigger impatient toe tapping and many 'excuse me' comments as people pushed past.

Most students would walk down to make the train they needed and hurry up esca-

ESCALEFTER (n.) — someone standing on the left side of the escalator, thereby blocking commuters and causing a pileup; often a tourist

Foggy



tors to avoid being late while getting some exercise. Even when traveling with friends, it didn't take GW students long to learn that everyone walked or lined up on the right side, never straddling both.

D.C. may have had many memorable sights, but no Colonial could ever forget the city's most important rule.

Brunch

Brunch was a D.C. tradition and the perfect way to unwind at the end of a long week. Many GW students learned to love this late morning meal on the weekends. An ideal occasion to combine sleeping in with everyone's favorite breakfast foods,

brunch was made for college students. Some students over 21 would join drinking with brunch, sipping on mimosas and Irish coffee, while others were just thankful for hot coffee served with ample cream and sugar. But for everyone who called D.C. home, brunch was a great way to get together with friends and celebrate another week completed.

om - GWU Station



COOKING UP CAMPUS

College students were learning to feed themselves. While many other campuses had large dining halls to feed the students, but GW gave students more flexibility. Local restaurants abounded and take-out was a popular option, but many students chose another option. Many GW students discovered a love of cooking.

"I love to cook in gen-

eral," senior Melissa Wohlgemuth said. "I have found I like to experiment with different ingredients."

Some students cooked out of convenience, others to save money and some to be healthier and have more control of their diets. But many did it just for the love of creating their own food.

"I am truly a foodie at heart," Wohlgemuth said. "As a college student, I

think knowing how to cook can be one of the most advantageous qualities, because if you know how to prepare a decent meal, you can eat much better than if you went out. You can suddenly afford the foods you never could before, and, for me at least, you have a fun time preparing it!"

Many grocery stores were in the area to feed the young chefs, and more

were on their way in 2011. Even the various pharmacies on campus carried groceries and kitchen supplies. Most GW students had their own kitchens and others could access shared kitchens in their residence halls.

Cooking was more than just a trend in 2011. Many GW students found true passion in food and made it a part of their lives.





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STUDENTS SPOKE OUT

Tea parties and gay rights were at stake

The Tea Party

The Tea Party began primarily as a response to government spending. Members wanted to drastically cut the government's size and eliminate the deficit. Sarah Palin, Glen Beck and Christine O'Donnell became the party leaders and unifiers. In 2010, the Tea Party movement began holding rallies, backing candidates and winning seats.

"2010 definitely saw an Ameri-

can awakening to bad spending, deficits and debts that are only ruining our future," senior Andrew Clark said. "Many of my friends saw 2010 as a chance to finally get more fiscally conservative and responsible voices in the US Congress, to begin the reforms and overhauls that our nation needs."

The Tea Party threatened several Republican incumbents for their seats in the House of Representatives, but in the end won fewer than

expected. The Tea Party became a powerful force in the 2010 election.

"This has been one of the most politically charged years in recent history," senior Brian Levy said. "The Tea Party movement and the Right's resurgence will go down as one of the most important political occurrences in this decade."

Don't Ask, Don't Tell

The US military had a policy





since 1993 that did not allow gays or lesbians to openly serve, but would never ask a soldier to share his or her sexual orientation is. As long as the military did not know of their sexual orientation, gays and lesbians could serve. The military's policy had long been debated, but in 2010, popular opinion, Congress and the White House all voiced a desire to change it. Although there were still issues with removing the policy, the fact that the discussion was raised at all marked a success for all LGBTQ advocates and allies.

"The idea that anyone who wishes to serve in this country's military, to protect our homes, our values and our freedom, would be barred from doing so due to their sexual orientation is

appalling," Levy said. "I think that, on a campus as richly diverse as ours, most would agree that Don't Ask, Don't Tell needs to be overturned."

Raised Voices

2010 was a year of yelling in politics. Town Halls to discuss the health care bill across the country halted since attendees did not debate or ask questions, but merely yelled. The West Borough Baptist Church also caught headlines with their protests of military funerals. Charged with their anger against homosexuals, Church members disrupted funerals throughout 2010. In response, many citizens began counter protesting. Many GW students attended one such counter protest in D.C.

Prop 19 in California

California continued its tradition of controversial ballot propositions in the 2010 elections. After legalizing marijuana for medical uses in 1996, citizens voted to decriminalize the drug in 2010. The proposition failed, but the fact that it was a close race and a valid issue was marked as a win for stoners everywhere.

"Whether a smoker or not, the modern day prohibition of marijuana is a government failure rivaling that of the alcohol prohibition that came before it," Levy said. "We saw Prop 19 as a progressive step toward creating sensible laws across this country, and hoped that California would be more than willing to take this lead."





RALLY! RALLY! RALLY!

Thousands convened on the National Mall to Restore Sanity or Keep Fear Alive

For weeks, political comedians John Stewart and Stephen Colbert told their talk show viewers to come to D.C. for a rally on Oct. 30. No one really knew why, or what to expect, but it seemed like the entire GW campus was drawn to the National Mall for the rallies. It was a day of no particular significance except that comedians John Stewart and Stephen Colbert had declared it a day of fun and celebration.

As the Stewart rally was described on a Facebook event: "Ours is a rally for the people who've been too busy to go to rallies, who actually have lives and families and jobs (or are looking for jobs)—not so much the Silent Majority as the Busy Majority. If we had to sum up the political view of our participants in a single sentence, we couldn't. That's sort of the point."

Colbert described the preparations for the event in a different way. "Pack an overnight bag with five extra sets of underwear— you're going to need them. Because, to Restore Truthiness we must always... Shh!!! What's that sound?! I think there's someone behind you! Run!"

The rally ended up being a humorous mockery of other rallies, politics, news and the U.S. in general. An estimated

200,000 people attended, although Stewart jokingly claimed 10 million attendees. Many came with signs declaring their views— or lack thereof - while others came in costumes, both Halloween and politically inspired.

"I went to the rally to enjoy a lovely fall day while partying next to some close friends and tens of thousands of closely packed strangers," senior Richie Davis said. "I would say that my expectations matched up quite perfectly with the reality, as most of the crowd brought their festive A-game. I was also correct in assuming that I would not see the presenters up close, though I did become very familiar with the back of a menagerie of heads."

Some of the best signs of the day said everything from "Stop Tea bagging me " to "In the two party system- I prefer the after-party" to "I will not tolerate lactose," all underscoring the comedic element of the day. There were even Web sites established by Comedy Central on which people could vote for the best sign.

"The crowd was loud and fun and sprinkled with witty costumes ranging from the Hamburglar to weird pseudo-patriotic creatures on stilts,"

Davis said. "The crowd kept its energy throughout the long rally, but whether that energy was fueled by caffeine, alcohol, or some combination thereof remained unknown."

The crowd was bigger than the organizers expected, with many attendees complaining that they couldn't hear. Since many went just to be a part of the event, few really minded. Musical guests ranged from the Roots to Ozzy Osbourne to Cat Stevens, but most attendees had converged on the Mall simply for the comedians and the spectacle.

"To me, the best part of the rally was the time spent frolicking with friends," Davis said. "It took real unity to stay together in the mob. But we stayed coordinated, moved ably through the crowd and managed to stay refreshed. The worst part, as is typical for these events, was trying to get back across the city. It was a long and arduous voyage, but we made it, and were stronger for the experience."

In the end, sanity was restored and everyone remembered how much they had to fear, making John Stewart and Steven Colbert's Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear a success.

STUDENTS HAD STYLE

The year brought many infamous styles to GW

1 - Cardigans

Button-down sweaters were all the rage in 2011. A mixture of preppy and hipster, cardigans could be seen in every class. Because they came in every color and length imaginable, students at GW could always find a cardigan to match their style.

2 - Uggs

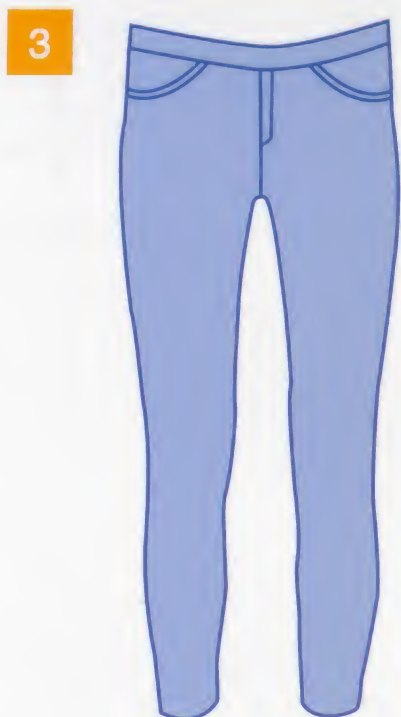
Uggs were the uniform in 2011. They were everywhere in all sizes and colors. Although originally designed in Australia to allow for easy sand removal, Uggs became a winter staple at GW, even though they were not waterproof.

3 - Jeggings

Jeggings– the mysterious mix between jeans and leggings– were everywhere in 2011. They were perfect to wear out at night and comfortable for class. Students just couldn't forget the cardinal rule– long shirts!

4 - Blazers

Blazers came into vogue at GW and added a touch of professionalism to campus. Although previously just for interns, when worn loose with snazzy liners, or crisp and professional, blazers became a trend even for unemployed students on campus.



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GOT TO BUSINESS

Students balanced internships and part-time jobs with their studies

When classes were finished and papers turned in, some GW students looked for other ways to pass the time. One great way to stay busy during the school year was by working one of the diverse internships D.C. had to offer. From helping newspapers get published to pitching in at their local senator's office on Capitol Hill, GW students were involved both on and off campus. All

GW students faced a rigorous course load and juggled numerous student orgs and activities that demanded their time. Students who found time for part-time jobs and internships, though, experienced the city in a different way and were further prepared for the life they faced after graduation.

Elisa Valero contributed to this spread.



Conor MacCaffrey
First Federal Congress Project

One secret hope of many students who worked internships was that their volunteer job would translate into a paying one in the long run. Conor MacCaffrey was lucky enough to receive such an offer. MacCaffrey started working at the First Federal Congress Project during his junior year and stayed on as a paid employee after the semester ended.

"I definitely feel like a member of the staff," MacCaffrey said. "I have my own key and really like everyone I work with. I just wanted to work in an office where I played an actual role and I am very satisfied. I feel very comfortable there and look forward to coming in."

MacCaffrey was a good example of how much GW students could contribute to a working environment and how these internships provided a great taste of life after graduation.



Marielle Mondon
National Public Radio

Starting with her first interning experience as a sophomore, Marielle Mondon worked four internships. During her time at GW, Mondon worked at the Peace Corps, the "Philadelphia City Paper," the "Globalist" online newspaper and National Public Radio (NPR).

"Being at the center of so many organizations, especially in media and communication, was something I felt very lucky to have experienced at such a young age," she said. It prepared me for life after graduation."

As an English major, Mondon wanted to ensure she brought real-world work experience to potential employers. Despite her enthusiasm for internships, though, there were times Mondon just wanted to relax.

"The major drawback from taking on these internships was feeling so busy all the time and sometimes missing out on the chance to feel like a regular college student," she said. "If I had to give advice to anyone, it would be to make sure you make time to enjoy college."



Kimberly Neu
United States Congress

One of the most popular internship opportunities for students at GW was the chance to work with a senator or congressman from their home states. Kimberly Neu began working for state Sen. Claire McCaskill, over the summer of 2008 in St. Louis. A year and a half later, in fall 2010, she worked as an intern in the senator's D.C. office.

"I started off answering phones and processing mail, but my work became more impactful over time," she said. "I worked with low-end policy, constituent relations and policy framing. My internship was very relevant and looks great on my résumé."

Again, it wasn't always perfect.

"It really sucked working and not getting paid, especially when I started to do work that would usually get me recognition or a promotion," Neu said. "But on the whole, I think it will pay off. I guess only time will tell, but I really felt that I gained a lot from my internship."



LET'S GO TO THE MALL

The Smithsonianians were a student hot spot



Whether GW students had a free hour or a free day, and whether they had all of their GWorld money or just a few pennies, they loved visiting the Smithsonian museums. Professors often assigned visits to the free museums, which allowed art and historical documents to be seen without the aid of an overhead projector. Many students also enjoyed visiting the museums on their own to pass free time and learn outside the classroom.

Founded by a British man in order to fund public knowledge, the Smithsonian collections grew to include many museums around the National Mall and city, as well as the National Zoo. The Natural History Museum was known for its giant dinosaur skeletons and sparkling diamonds. The National Archives allowed students to see the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Magna Carta. Student insiders

knew to go to the National Building Museum to see a special exhibit on Legos in 2011. The Air and Space Museum let students enter rocket ships and fly airplanes. On sunny days, students in the District for the summer enjoyed free jazz concerts in the Smithsonian sculpture garden. With a museum on almost any topic and scattered throughout the city, GW students went to as many Smithsonian museums as they could in 2011.

STUDENT LIFE

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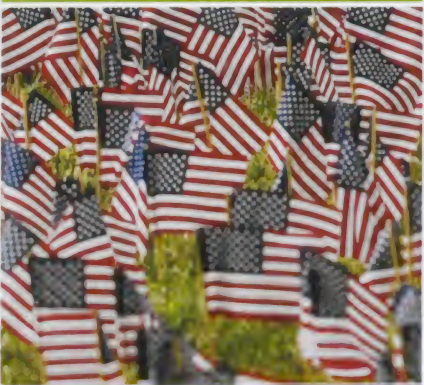
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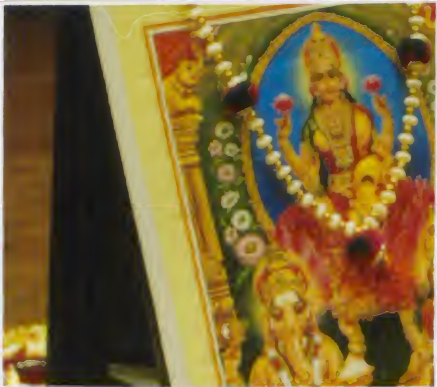
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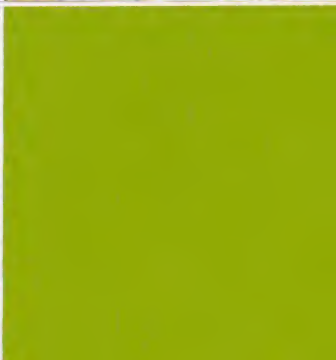
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Student Association

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BY AND FOR THE STUDENTS

Representatives worked for change on campus

The Student Association represented both undergraduate and graduate students and met with administrators to advocate for changes in campus life. To reach out to the students they represented, president Jason Lifton and vice president Rob Maxim attended several events during the year.

"We've made an effort to be very visible around campus by spending time at student organization events, attending the Dean of Freshman House Tours, holding office hours and just being present on campus," Lifton said. "The more people that we interact

with, the better we can gauge the student body on the initiatives that we're working on."

The Student Association tackled numerous issues facing the student body through a series of projects. Renovations to Gelman Library and the creation of a new campus dining fee were two of the SA's priorities. In the spring, the Student Association eliminated the graduation fee and expanded the SA office's resources. Because of these accomplishments, the 2010-2011 academic year was extremely successful.



CLASS COUNCIL



RHA

GOOD GOVERNANCE



Student leaders enhanced community life on campus

Class Council

Class Council worked throughout the year to create programming that would bring together students from every class. In the spring, students elected representatives and an executive board. Once elected, members worked with other organizations to plan two of the year's most popular competitions.

"The most enjoyable events are Represent, the dance competition, and Battle of the A Capella Groups," representative Caroline Ayes said. "Free, fun and exciting!"

Class Council also hosted several other events. At Midnight Breakfast, GW faculty and staff served a themed breakfast to students during final exams. Junior Class Council held send-off parties for students studying abroad. The organization also partnered with the Office of Alumni Programs to plan a speaker series in which students could meet alumni from their field of study. While Class Council organized these events, members were always open to programming suggestions from their peers.



RHA

The mission of the Residence Hall Association was to build strong ties among students living on-campus. RHA served the GW community by representing campus residential concerns, offering students leadership opportunities and hosting events year-round.

During the fall and spring semesters, Residential Advisory Council (RAC) representatives held social, educational and service events for their respective residence halls. Each RAC was an essential part of the broader Residence Hall Association and ensured that students felt comfortable in their homes.

Along with RAC events, RHA hosted Target Takeover, a trip to Target to shop for dorm supplies, and Martha's Marathon, an auction for spots in the most sought-after residence halls.

"We host a myriad of events for a variety of different reasons as a means to bring people together and create relationships," publicity director Cameron Smither said. "We may host guest speakers or give out free breakfast or throw a fashion show, but our ultimate goal is simply getting people to come together!"

YOU'RE INVITED

Students organized popular events

Vern PC

Mount Vernon Programming Council saw an increase in membership, as well as in attendees to its events, during the fall and spring semesters. This heightened popularity was due in part to the opening of West Hall and Pelham Commons. A new dining hall, a recording studio and the Blackbox Theater provided the organization with new spaces to hold events.

In order to attract students from the Foggy Bottom campus, the Mount Vernon Programming Council planned events unique to the Vern. Members took advantage of West Hall and the campus' green space with festivals featuring food, games and concerts.

"Our organization is dedicated to providing programming for the Mount Vernon campus, but we encourage Vern residents to invite their friends on Foggy Bottom to come up and get a taste of what we love so much about the Vern," Mount Vernon Programming Council coordinator Sam Tamboline said.

Program Board

Fall Fest, Spring Fling and Relay for Life were just a few of the events that members of Program Board organized during the 2010-2011 academic year. Though these events were repeated annually, members often tried to put a new spin on old traditions year to year. The outdoor stage at Fall Fest was one such twist, as there had not been a stage for a number of years. Program Board carefully planned every event so that their peers could enjoy their college experience.

"Every year, PB is unique in the fact that we have a completely different group of students working together to make amazing events happen on campus," executive chair Wesley Callahan said.

To draw students to events, Program Board sent e-mails, hung posters around campus and handed out palm cards. Facebook and Twitter also helped get the word out. These publicity campaigns ensured that each event drew students who were excited and ready to have a good time.



Colonial Inauguration Highlights

DAY ONE

- CI Kickoff
- Lunch in Kogan
- Inaugural Dinner
- Student Skits
- CI in the City

DAY TWO

- Buff & Blue BBQ
- What's the Deal With?
- Regional Dinner
- Casino Night
- Capitol Steps

DAY THREE

- Student Org Fair
- Pinning Ceremony





Inaugurating a new class of GW freshmen

Incoming GW freshmen were inaugurated well beyond the standard orientation at other universities. Colonial Inauguration (CI) was a three-day immersion into GW life that allowed new students to experience campus housing, prepare for college academia and meet future classmates from around the world. To help the class of 2014 get the most out of CI, members of the 2010 Colonial Cabinet facilitated many ac-

tivities on and off campus.

While members' enthusiasm made it appear effortless, being part of Colonial Cabinet was demanding. Each student devoted a substantial amount of time and energy to CI both before and during the summer sessions. Starting in the spring, the Colonial Cabinet trained for three hours each day in preparation for the all-day work they would begin after finals.

"We had training once a week during the spring semester and then things cranked up," senior Tim Savoy said. "During the start of the summer, we trained for ten hours a day and had an additional eight hours of skit practice and dance throughout the day. During the CI sessions, our days lasted around 21 hours per day!"

Ultimately, Colonial Inauguration was a memorable experience for new

students, their families and the Colonial Cabinet.

"Helping out incoming students and their families with their concerns and in turn making them feel more secure and at home was very fulfilling," senior Ernesto Apreza said.

When the summer ended and students faced college life, they were much better off, thanks to the passion and dedication that Colonial Cabinet members put into their work.



BUFF AND BLUE AND READ ALL OVER

GW publications informed and entertained students

WRGW

Broadcasting popular and local music along with sports, news and talk radio, WRGW sought to provide diverse programming to satisfy all listeners. To facilitate this diversity, WRGW reached out to students, who helped guide programming.

"We hold events for students,

but we also allow them to call in," promotions director Matt Green said. "They can also instant message us."

To reach out to the entire GW community, WRGW encouraged all students to become part of the production process.

"At freshman orientation,

President Trachtenberg and Dean of Freshmen Siegel said you have your voice and you need to take advantage of it," program director Noble Freeman said. "Few organizations give freshmen the chance to have a voice. You can have an impact as a freshman at WRGW."

The Hatchet

In a small, paper-strewn G Street townhouse, the editors, reporters and photographers of "The Hatchet" worked diligently throughout the school year documenting the biggest stories and events of 2010 and 2011. The award-winning newspaper's staff covered happenings on and

off campus, voiced their opinions on issues facing students and reviewed sporting events and theater productions.

To keep up with the high standards set by their predecessors, "The Hatchet" staff spent many hours perfecting their work in the townhouse office.

"Even when we're not in the office, we're always working," campus news editor Amy Rhodin said.

"The Hatchet' definitely faces a higher level of commitment from its staff," managing editor Justin Guiffre said. "It's recognized as the quality standard not only in the region but in the entire country."

GWTV

With a switch from analog to digital cable in their residence halls, GW students had a plethora of channels to choose from during the 2010-2011 school year. GWTV put itself on par with popular cable channels by providing students with a variety of programs. In its fifth year of production, GWTV was a completely student-run television station that featured both news and entertainment programming.

Throughout 2010 and 2011, the staff even tried to produce fictional scripted shows to reach a wider audience.

"We like to switch it up- have a little bit of everything," co-general manager Tess Leibowitz said.

With the station's prime location in exciting D.C., producers had even more programming opportunities. The GWTV program "Colonial Countdown," for example, featured the top-five

happenings in and around the GW campus and D.C. area.

Although programming was important, GWTV production was as much about the viewers as it was about the staff.

"We're trying to give people an experience they wouldn't get anywhere else in college," co-general manager Sarah Weinger said. "They get to be part of the entire process. We're a small group, but we're really dedicated."

STUDENT LIFE



GW DISCOURSE



WOODEN TEETH

POETIC JUSTICE

GW publications touched the mind and soul

GW Discourse

Staffed by students with a broad range of interests, "GW Discourse" was a political science quarterly that covered local, national and international issues. While other publications primarily reported the news, "GW Discourse" studied domestic and international affairs to a greater extent, which allowed

them to write detailed articles.

"'Discourse' strives to discuss issues in a way that's not meant to match up with a 24-hour news cycle," assistant editor Daniel Rozenson said. "We like to dig deep into issues and that comes with the freedom of publishing once a semester."

To recruit writers for the magazine, "Discourse" staff and editors sought out students interested in political science and international affairs. Students with a particular interest in a topic could track that issue throughout the year. The magazine attracted readers with similar interests.

Wooden Teeth

Published in the fall and spring semesters, "Wooden Teeth," the university's longest running literary magazine, gave students the opportunity to express their creativity in poetry, prose and art. GW students and faculty were encouraged to submit their work for review by the magazine's editorial staff. Every Tuesday the staff

read and discussed submissions, eventually determining which pieces would be published in that semester's issue. Staff members, who could submit to the magazine themselves, both gave and received constructive criticism.

"I don't really have time in my schedule for creative writing, so I thought that this was a good outlet

for it," staff member Joshua Tallis said.

To attract more writers and readers to the magazine, "Wooden Teeth" attempted to increase publicity by holding events throughout the year and taking out ads in "The Hatchet." Ultimately, these measures helped the editorial staff create an engrossing final product.

Wooden Teeth Favorite Artists:

Edgar Degas
Salvador Dalí
John Singer Sargent
Marcel Duchamp
Dennis Hopper
Annie Leibovitz
The Sartorialist
John Portman
Vincent van Gogh
Edward Hopper
Edouard Manet

Wooden Teeth Favorite Writers:

Aldous Huxley
Thomas Pynchon
Gabriel García Márquez
William Shakespeare
Virginia Woolf
J.D. Salinger
T.S. Eliot
Kurt Vonnegut
Harold Pinter
Khaled Hosseini
F. Scott Fitzgerald
Walt Whitman
Søren Kierkegaard
Frank O'Hara
Tom Wolfe

Popular "Discourse" Topics in 2010- 2011:

-2010 Midterm Elections
-Local Elections
-Israel-Palestine Conflict
-Political Theory
-Democratic Peace
Theory
-National and
International News

ROCK THE VOTE



College Democrats

During the 2010 midterm elections, the College Democrats supported candidates on the Democratic ticket by campaigning in and outside of Washington, D.C. During campaign trips to Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Virginia, members knocked on nearly 10,000 doors. Although a number of Democratic candidates lost their races, the College Democrats continued to work hard to ensure politicians support-

ed students' interests.

The organization often took advantage of the university's D.C. location. Its proximity to Capitol Hill allowed them to speak to congressmen directly about the issues facing students.

"This is a place to take our voice right to the doorstep of the decision makers in this country to see the change we'd like to see happen," president Josh Altman said.

Speakers, including Democratic National Committee Chairman Tim Kaine, came to GW to speak to the College Democrats about the Democratic agenda. Throughout the year, members took part in community service and social events around D.C. These activities helped the College Democrats remain one of the university's largest and most popular student organizations.

Students campaigned during midterm elections



College Republicans

The night of the 2010 midterm election was an exciting one for the Republican Party, which finished with a majority in the House and new seats in the Senate. The GW College Republicans joined in the excitement, celebrating the GOP victories they helped achieve. After the elections, members worked with newly elected congressmen on initiatives that addressed concerns of college students throughout the country.

"I think what most of our

members are concerned about is our rising debt, our dependence on China and rising taxes and the effect that will have on students," chairman Jake Wolf said.

As an incentive to join the College Republicans, the organization connected members to internships on Capitol Hill and elsewhere in D.C. These internships helped students gain experience and build their resumes.

Throughout the 2010-2011 academic year, the College Re-

publicans hosted many events on campus. Speakers, including former Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove, spoke about the future of the Republican Party. Members debated the College Democrats on immigration and other issues. During the midterm elections, the College Republicans campaigned in six different states. The organization's involvement in both local and national politics made the College Republicans an active force on campus.

EMPOWERING THE ELECTORATE

Political organizations educated and engaged students

The Liberty Society

Every Thursday, members of the Liberty Society met to discuss a broad range of topics, from the economy to civil rights to public policy. Welcoming libertarians and others interested in the liberty movement, the Liberty Society separated

itself from other political student groups on campus by focusing on academic and professional development in the promotion of worldwide freedom.

"We provide an intellectual alternative to the political activism of the College Republicans or

College Democrats," program officer Kevin Duewel said.

To facilitate the organization's academic mission, the Liberty Society partnered with other student groups on campus, including Allied in Pride and the Muslim Students' Asso-

ciation, to sponsor social events and speakers. By welcoming a speaker nearly every month, the organization gave members the opportunity to interact with respected professionals from various fields and, in turn, to discover their own interests.





Roosevelt Institute

In October 2010, members of the Roosevelt Institute, along with other progressive organizations, attended the One Nation Working Together Rally on the National Mall. The rally drew thousands of people and promoted progressive causes, such as immigration and education

reform. Members of GW's chapter of the Roosevelt Institute, a student policy organization, took part in this event and others like it throughout the year.

"Our mission is to empower students to make meaningful change in our community," policy director Ismail Ginwala* said.

To facilitate that

change, members volunteered in the D.C. area and took on various projects. One member started a project that would create a self-sustainable community in Haiti to help the country recover from the January 2010 earthquake.

Taking on health care reform, the Roosevelt

Institute partnered with Project Health to organize a large speaker event featuring academic, economic and political perspectives on the issue. The event engaged GW students in the political process by educating them about one of the biggest issues facing the nation.

*In memory of Ismail Ginwala, who is remembered for his political passion.



ACTIVE ADVOCACY

Students promoted
their favorite causes

GW YAF

Founded in 2007, the GW Young America Foundation provided an outlet for conservative-minded students. To challenge liberal bias and advance conservative ideology, the organization promoted discussion and debate.

"We are different from other political and activist organizations on campus in that we are not wedded to any political party or candidates," treasurer Giovanni Tomasi said. "We are dedicated purely to promoting the ideological message of American social and fiscal conservatism."

In the fall, members hosted the 9/11 Never Forget Project to commemorate the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. When President Obama held a Town Hall at GW, the Young America Foundation organized a protest against speaker bias at the university.





Food Justice Alliance

A small but dedicated group of students comprised the Food Justice Alliance, an organization that spread awareness about food justice and sustainability. Through educational films, speakers and events, Food Justice Alliance members encouraged their peers to promote the cause.

"In terms of sustainability, the Food Justice Alliance would love to see GW place a higher importance on local, ethical, sustainable and organic food," president Melissa Eddison said. "We work every day to educate the GW community on the latter and advocate for a more conscious connection to one's food."

To promote its mission, the Food Justice Alliance grew fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers in community gardens on the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses. Student beekeepers also taught their peers about beekeeping.



¡OLE!

OLAS celebrated its 15th anniversary

In September and October of 2010, the Organization of Latino American Students (OLAS) held its annual Latino Heritage Celebration. OLAS sponsored speaker events, panel discussions and dances and encouraged GW students and faculty to get involved in the festivities. With the Parade of Flags, an outdoor festival and Café con Leche, an open-mic night, the Latino Heritage Celebration included some of the most popular events of the fall semester.

The 2010-2011 academic year marked the organization's 15th year at GW. To commemorate the anni-

versary, OLAS held Nuestros Quince, the 15th annual La Fiestasa, during the Heritage Celebration. The dance, which featured live music and authentic Latin cuisine, attracted a large number of both members and non-members, since it took place during Colonials Weekend. President Knapp and his wife were among the attendees of the celebration, proof of the organization's notoriety on campus. This event and others throughout the year promoted the organization's mission to share Latino culture with the community.





SEPTEMBER

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					The Future of Economic Policy in Latin America	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
REAL Conversations: "Submissive to Successful: The Evolution of Latino Gender Roles"			Keynote Speaker: Junot Diaz			
		14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Black & Gold: The Story of the Almighty Latin Kings			Hispanic Women of Excellence		
26	27	28	29	30		
					Café con Leche: Open Mic	

OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
		Latino Riddims in Caribbean Movimientos		Latino Votes	Parade of Flags	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Golden Explosion
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Somos Arte: The Art of Business	Cuban Movie Night: The Lost City				La Fiestasa
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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CULTURE AND COMMUNICATION

Cultural organizations reached out to the GW community

Black Student Union

The Black Student Union gave students a powerful incentive to join a group that was as much of a family as an organization by providing members with opportunities to attend free monthly dinners, educational meetings and fun social events. In addition to member benefits, BSU reached out to non-members in various ways.

The Black Student Union held general body meetings focused on national issues, such as incarceration, as well as GW issues, like diversity in the student body and faculty. BSU furthered its mission

with *The Ace*, the Black Student Union's magazine that featured stories from and about GW students.

"One of our bigger missions is to communicate that these issues are those that affect everybody," director of operations and administration Linnea Lassiter said.

By providing a forum for students to learn about and discuss black issues, the Black Student Union's members worked to form a strong bond not only with each other but with the GW community as a whole.

Indian Students Association

Hoping to help GW's Indian students feel at home, the Indian Students Association provided members with the opportunity to take part in Indian traditions on campus. Students who joined ISA received discounts at Indian restaurants in the area, attended cultural events and formed friendships with other Indian students.

"ISA's mission is to ensure that students' connection to their mother country is not severed due to distance," co-community

outreach director Parth Chauhan said.

The Indian Students Association welcomed not only Indian students to events, but other GW students, as well. Holding several events throughout the year, ISA showcased Indian dance, cuisine and cultural practices.

"We hope to educate the GW community about the many beautiful things our native culture has to offer," co-president Shaun Vaid said.



VIBRANT VALUES

Cultural groups gave back to the community

Philippine Cultural Society

Founded in 1986, the Philippine Cultural Society (PCS) celebrated Filipino culture on campus during the 2010-2011 academic year. The organization's executive board worked to connect Filipino students at GW and other universities in the D.C. area. By creating a network of current students and alumni, PCS solidified its place in a multitude of campus cultural organizations.

"PCS is a family away from home," president Jamie Garcia said. "We support each other in

so many ways, whether it is in attending each other's performances, housing and feeding one another or keeping each other up at all hours of the night to study for exams."

In addition to forming bonds among members, the organization brought together students and D.C. residents in many ways. Through cultural heritage celebrations and community service retreats, the Philippine Cultural Society showed dedication to its mission and to the community.

Caribbean Student Association

Though they were a small group, the Caribbean Student Association (CSA) energized Caribbean students, as well as their peers, with parties, discussion panels and dance workshops. In addition to traditional celebrations of Caribbean Heritage, CSA took part in community service and fundraisers to help people struggling in Caribbean countries such as Haiti.

During the fall semester, the Caribbean Student Association

held a film screening on Reggae in Japan with the Japanese American Student Alliance. Collaborating with other student organizations allowed CSA to attract new members and connect with other cultural groups on campus.

"We have so many different events that we draw all kinds of crowds," corresponding secretary Daria-Ann Martineau said. "We all have things in common and CSA recognizes this."





PCS



CSA

GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE

Cultural groups educated students

South Asian Society

In order to teach their peers about South Asian traditions, members of the South Asian Society held events that celebrated their culture. Students from Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka and other Asian countries joined the group to take part in their native customs and meet others with similar interests.

Two popular dance competitions, Raas Chaos and Bhangra Blowout, stood out as prime examples of cultural experiences.

Students from GW and other universities around the country competed for the title of grand champion. These competitions exhibited two traditional forms of dance: Raas, a colorful and energetic Indian dance, and Bhangra, a celebratory Punjabi dance. By welcoming all students to watch the competitions, the South Asian Society illustrated the beauty and energy of South Asian culture.





Afghan Student Association

With the influx of negative news from Afghanistan in 2010 and 2011, members of the Afghan Student Association wanted to spread awareness about the Afghan people and culture. Throughout the year, the Afghan Student Association helped the Middle Eastern nation by sponsoring events.

"We are an organization that wants to give back to the Afghan community," co-president Nawa Arsala said. "All our

money goes to charity for Afghanistan."

Film screenings, a clothing drive and a school supplies drive were among the organization's charity benefits. These activities served not only a charitable purpose but also an educational one. Aware of the popularity of political science and international affairs at GW, the Afghan Student Association helped give students in these fields an informed position in debates and discussions on foreign policy.



MIX IT UP

Cultural groups welcomed diversity

Remix

The Racially and Ethnically Mixed Student Association (Remix) was one of many student organizations that promoted the acceptance of multi-racial students on college campuses nationally. During the

2010-2011 academic year, Remix members at GW invited students to celebrate their peers' ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

"Diversity becomes more of an issue each year, so having different

events and talking about different cultures is a great way to bring diversity to GW," co-president Jillian Hubbard said.

Remix activities included panel discussions, movies, dinners, study sessions and speed

dating. To foster their mission, Remix members welcomed all students to these events.

"We're open to anybody," co-president Samantha Free said. "Come as you are and you'll fit in."





JASA

The Japanese American Student Alliance celebrated Japanese culture and language and encouraged students of all cultural backgrounds to join. Throughout the year, members took part in cultural events and practiced their Japanese at language

sessions.

"I found JASA to be extremely diverse and that really attracted me to the organization," alliance member Kazu Koyama said.

JASA allowed Japanese-American students to reconnect with their native culture.

"I joined so I could get back in touch with my Japanese side," program director Susumu Noda said.

During the 2010-2011 academic year, JASA held a number of events on campus, including movie viewings, dinners and festivals. Two of the organization's

biggest events were Japan Fest, the annual Japanese style festival, and the Annual Formal, an event held with other Japanese clubs in D.C. These cultural celebrations attracted both Japanese and non-Japanese students, a testament to members' own diversity.

FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP



Jewish Student Association

GW Hillel, the university's Jewish community center, welcomed over 2,500 undergraduates during the 2010-2011 academic year. The Jewish Student Association, Hillel's student leadership group, attracted students seeking to form lasting friendships with others who had similar interests. Throughout the year, members got together to celebrate religious holidays and take part in various activities.

Every Friday night, members of the Jewish Student Association could attend Shabbat, religious services and dinners held at Hillel. Many students looked forward to Shabbat because it allowed them to connect spiritually and socially.

"It's nice to have something every week I can rely on," president Mindy Michaels said. "Friday night is Hillel time."



Agapé

With churches in Maryland, North Carolina and Paris, Agapé Mission Church engaged students in mission trips and group activities within and outside of the United States. Every Sunday, members of the Agapé Campus Christian Fellowship at GW traveled to the Agapé Ministry Center in Maryland for a worship celebration. Group members also enjoyed activities outside of the church.

"Almost every week we do

Religious organizations promoted spirituality



Muslim Student Association

something fun together to hang out, like kayaking, watching movies, hiking and mini golfing," member Sara Casay said.

During regular small group meetings, students in Agapé grew closer together socially and spiritually. At these meetings, staff members and students gathered for Bible study and intimate conversation.

"Despite the physical distance between the Agapé churches, a strong sense of community is evident," member Kristen Luft said.

During the September celebration of Ramadan, the Muslim Students' Association gathered for iftars – dinners during which members met to break fast and enjoy each other's company. From social gatherings to community service projects, the MSA sponsored fun and educational events that united Muslim students in a spirit of faith and community.

"As a Muslim in a largely secular society, it is important for me to surround myself with other Muslims

due to the commonalities we share," education chair Zahir Baig said. "It is easier to practice the faith when others around you also practice."

By providing a way for Muslim students to take part in the traditional practices of Islam, the MSA encouraged spiritual expression and fostered new friendships.

"It's a great organization that brings people together spiritually, educationally and socially," sisters' social chair Aliya Karim said.

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME



Newman Catholic Student Center

Catholic students seeking a community to pray and socialize with often found their niche in the Newman Catholic Student Center. Located in a townhouse on campus, the Newman

Center was run by students with the help of a chaplain, a minister and missionaries. By holding daily mass and offering free dinners, Newman Catholic Student Center provided students with a

way to get in touch with their spirituality.

"The Newman Catholic Student Center offered students a home on campus that they could come to throughout their time at

GW," president Andrew Buonopane said. "Spiritually and socially, with mass, prayer and plenty of free food, the Newman Center is a way for college students to grow closer to God."

Religious groups brought students together



Sikh Students' Association

The Sikh Students' Association promoted awareness of Sikhism on campus by creating a sense of community among the Sikh students at GW and by educating the wider GW population about the religion.

"Our organization is

the only one that truly represents and recognizes the Sikh faith," president Harmeet Singh said. "We hold events and perform community service that is aligned with Sikhism and hope to educate GW students and faculty about the

religion."

Host to many annual events, this student organization invited all students to Langar (free community meal) and Vaisakhi Mela, which was a celebration of the Harvest Season in Punjab, India. Other events

included peanut butter and jelly drives, volunteering at local Gurudwaras (Sikh temples) and Sikhism 101, when members met with religion and international affair professors to ensure they had a strong understanding of Sikhism.

BRAVO!

Theater groups drew crowds

Generic Theatre Company

As the oldest theater company on campus, Generic Theatre had high standards. When freshmen auditioned for the Freshman Showcase in September, graduating members were excited to discover that new ac-

tors would continue the group's traditions.

Because it was an entirely student-run theater company, Generic Theatre was able to experiment with their productions.

"Generic Theatre Company prides itself on

doing lesser known plays, more artistic plays, more experimental plays and plays that have a message or a deeper meaning," artistic director Patrick Pasake said.

Popular shows during the 2010-2011 academic

year included "The Lion in Winter," "The Dining Room" and "Dolly West's Kitchen." These productions helped integrate new members into the company, which continued to grow in talent and popularity.



Fourteenth Grade Players

While going about their daily routines, students stopped in their tracks at the sight of a giant peach walking around campus. The fleshy fruit was Steve Issac, director of the Fourteenth Grade Players theater group and who was promoting the fall production of "James and

the Giant Peach." The group adapted Roald Dahl's popular children's novel to the stage and performed at West Hall's Blackbox Theater. Attracting GW students and the surrounding community, the show was extremely popular and sold out nearly every performance.

"The show was hilarious and we attracted a new variety of audience members that we don't usually see— a lot of really young kids," executive producer Aly Seeberger said. "They loved it. One girl actually ran up to one of our actresses and hugged her after the show."

No prior acting experience was needed to join Fourteenth Grade Players. Any student interested in theater could join. Actors, directors and producers who loved theater made up Fourteenth Grade and exhibited a passion for their craft that shone through in their work.



STORYTELLING

Theater groups entertained audiences

Recess

Once a month, the cast of Recess performed improvisational and sketch comedy for their fellow students. Meeting four days a week, cast members devoted a lot of time and energy to their shows. Through Recess, members were able to build relationships and refine their comedic timing.

Because they spent so much time together, the cast formed strong bonds.

"Recess is a family," cast member Sam Fox-Hartin said. "Not in that fake, 'you can be my parents/siblings

on Facebook and we'll talk about it tehehe!' sort of way, but in a very literal sense."

To entertain their audiences, Recess members worked hard to produce the best shows possible. Although it was challenging and often exhausting, members enjoyed the experience.

"There's nothing more rewarding than working with a group of people that all really loves and cares about what they're doing," cast member Kabeer Parwani said.

FPP

One of the university's oldest student theater companies, Forbidden Planet Productions, continued its tradition of putting on high quality shows during both the fall and spring semesters. Not only did the group invite the entire GW community to attend their shows, but FPP also gave all students the opportunity to join the cast.

"FPP is an incredible group because we accept everyone," cast member Jessica Parker said. "To

us, there is nothing more important than having a great time putting on shows."

In addition to the annual "Rocky Horror Picture Show" and musical cabaret showcase, Forbidden Planet Productions produced "A Chorus Line" in the fall. Performed at the new Blackbox Theatre in West Hall, the popular musical about Broadway dancers displayed members' passion for and dedication to their work.



RECESS



FPP



GW VIBES



GW SIRENS



GW TROUBS

STARTING ON A HIGH NOTE

A cappella groups sang for their peers

GW Vibes

The GW Vibes was an a cappella group that worked to increase interest in a cappella on campus. The Vibes collaborated with several other student organizations to perform at the year's most popular events. Members' varying musical tastes allowed the group to create a wide-

ranging playlist of songs.

"We have a unique sound and repertoire that combines classic songs, modern pop, rock, hip hop and most other types of popular music," co-leader Matt Wilson said. "We are fun and laid back, but take our music seriously."

During the 2010-2011

academic year, the Vibes performed at organization fundraisers, a cappella showcases and church concerts. In the past, the group had opened for Ben Folds, Jason Mraz, Sean Kingston and Spoon. These performances helped the Vibes gain popularity among fellow students.

GW Sirens

The GW Sirens was an a cappella group made up of female musicians dedicated to performing. The organization united women with different musical tastes to practice and perform a wide variety of songs. In addition to practicing at weekly rehearsals, members arranged their own musical

selections, the genres of which ranged from rock to pop.

"I believe that what separates the Sirens from other groups on campus is our variety in music selection, our acute stage presence and our passion for a cappella that is demonstrated through our performance," business

manager Ariel Zeigler said.

In 2010 and 2011, the Sirens performed at several events, including Walk for the Homeless and Rockin' the Forest, a competition at Wake Forest University. In these performances, the GW Sirens showcased their talent and passion for a cappella.

GW Troubadours

The GW Troubadours was the university's oldest student-run a cappella group. The Troubadours both arranged and performed songs for the GW community. Though they had different interests, members came together to celebrate their passion for music.

"We all come from super different backgrounds

and we all have one thing in common— an appreciation of music," music director Jeenie Yoon said. "We have people involved in different activities, — like theater and Greek life— we have all sorts of majors, but at least twice a week, we all come together to create music."

One of the highlights of the year for the Troubs

was the Battle of the A Cappella groups, a competition that featured the Troubadours and other musical ensembles on campus. At the year-end competition, attendees heard members perform songs by artists ranging from Lady Gaga to Sting. This event and others allowed the Troubadours to share their passion with the community.



GW BALLROOM

photo by Qlongning Yang



CAPITAL FUNK

STEP UP

Dance groups showed their skills

Capital Funk

Capital Funk gained notoriety among GW students during the 2010-2011 academic year by performing at Midnight Breakfast and other popular campus events. The dance group also served the community by performing at fundraisers in and around the D.C. area.

Because they met often for practices and performances, dancers formed strong bonds with each other. Capital Funk thus became a close-knit family that worked together to hone their skills and showcase them at performances.

GW Ballroom

GW Ballroom, an inclusive educational organization, welcomed students with diverse skills and interests. By promoting a supportive environment, Ballroom allowed members to increase their physical fitness while having a good time.

"Ballroom is a teaching organization," team member Lauren Allegrezza said. "There are no auditions and we welcome students with a wide range of experience, from people who have been dancing for years to those who have seen an episode of 'Dancing with the Stars' once."

Throughout the year, GW Ballroom competed with dancers from universities around the country. Competitions gave team members the opportunity to observe and take part in professional ballroom dancing. Students who were not interested in competing could attend free salsa and swing events, volunteer at GW and D.C. locations and practice at weekly lessons. Ballroom helped members relieve stress and provided a break from academia with an energizing form of physical exercise.



TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Students gathered to enjoy their hobbies

GW Scrabble

GW Scrabble brought together word game enthusiasts to celebrate the popular board game Scrabble. To increase membership, GW Scrabble worked to become a recognizable presence at campus events.

"Mostly, we rely on word of mouth and student organization fairs," co-president Megan Arellano said. "It works out

that there are enough people interested in Scrabble to join our club."

In addition to hosting weekly games throughout the year, GW Scrabble held its second annual tournament in 2011. The organization also participated in community events and sponsored the D.C. Reads Spelling Bee.



GW Anime Society

Every Thursday, members of the GW Anime Society met to watch and discuss anime films. The organization aimed to introduce students to Japanese film culture while also giving members a forum to discuss their favorite series.

"It's a great place to hang out and meet other people with the same interests," webmaster

Melissa Delgado said.

In addition to weekly meetings, game nights were held periodically. Members could also attend an annual anime convention off campus. Though they were a small group, GW Anime provided students with numerous opportunities to learn about and enjoy Japanese animation.



GW ANIME



L	Lesbian
G	Gay
B	Bisexual
T	Transsexual
Q	Questioning
I	Intersex
A	Asexual or Ally

Supporting the LGBTQIA community

During the four years that president Michael Komo was on Allied in Pride’s executive board, the organization developed an LGBT Resource Center, a non-discrimination policy for LGBT students and an LGBT and Sexuality Studies minor. During the 2010-2011 academic year, Allied in Pride once again fought for LGBTQIA students and worked to establish gender-neutral housing on campus.

Allied in Pride’s biggest events of the year took place during

National Coming Out Week and Marriage Equality Week. Speakers, discussions, outings and other events brought attention to LGBTQIA issues and connected members and non-members.

“These weeks are my favorites because they contain diverse programming, reach out to a wide spectrum of students and pertain to two of the most important issues facing the LGBT community– coming out and fighting for equal rights,” Komo said.

**TYING THE KNOT**

During Marriage Equality Week, Allied in Pride hosted events that promoted equal rights for members of the LGBTQIA community. In Kogan Plaza, mock marriages were held. This couple shared their vows in one such ceremony.

THE REAL WORLD

Students promoted international awareness

Amnesty International

GW Amnesty International educated the student body on human rights issues and promoted campaigns about various social issues throughout the year. In the fall, Amnesty organized Tent City, an event during which students spent the night in Kogan Plaza to learn about homelessness. The discussion generated awareness among students about a human rights issue that affected men and women throughout D.C.

In the spring, members started a campaign lobbying

for services for sexual assault victims at GW medical centers. On International Women's Day, Amnesty demonstrated on Kogan Plaza and asked students to sign a petition for these assault services.

"GW Amnesty has raised awareness of various human rights issues on campus and made an important contribution by raising awareness of the issue of violence against women in our own backyards," executive coordinator Ella Gladman said.

International Affairs Society

The International Affairs Society promoted awareness and discussion of international news and diplomacy on and off campus. The organization was umbrella to a number of smaller groups, including an award-winning Model-UN team and an educational program that brought information about international affairs to D.C. public schools. In addition to service opportunities, IAS gave students the chance to network with professionals and academics in the policy field.

"This year, IAS has faced numerous challenges, but has

remained dedicated in promoting its vision and passion for international affairs outside the classroom," vice chairman Behnam Taleblu said.

During the 2010-2011 academic year, speakers included Senator Dick Lugar of Indiana and Dr. George Perkovich of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The group was invited to a briefing by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton at the State Department. These events generated and sustained an interest in international affairs among GW students.



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



IAS



Green GW's Tips for Going Green

- 1 Utilize recycling bins in residence halls.
- 2 Take shorter showers.
- 3 Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.
- 4 Turn off the lights when leaving your room.
- 5 Buy compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs).
- 6 Keep air conditioning at a normal level.
- 7 Unplug chargers from wall when not in use.
- 8 Buy a Brita water filter pitcher.

GREEN GW

Sustainability movement made Colonials greener

Although "going green" sounded like a cliché in the age of environmental friendliness, the members of Green GW brought the term to life with their diligent efforts to make the university sustainable during the 2010-2011 academic year. From bringing compostable plates and containers to J Street to sponsoring community service projects throughout the city, the members of Green GW helped engender important changes on campus and in the D.C. area.

In order to bring about these changes, the members of Green GW worked with different groups on and off campus. Casey Trees played an important role in making the university grounds appear physically greener. Students also took part in service activities through Green GW. To get the support of these groups, however, members first had to spread the word about their efforts.

"We're working with Planet Forward, an environmental blog run by SMPA, getting out ideas about how an individual can better utilize their time in a green fashion," Green GW President Justin Fink said.

By reaching out to students online, members generated further interest in the important environmental movement. Green GW's efforts were evident in the many reusable grocery bags and full recycling bins seen around campus.



CHARITABLE UNDERTAKINGS

Students participated in service projects

Buzzing 4 Change

Every spring, GW students gathered in Kogan Plaza for Buzzing 4 Change, an event that encouraged participants to cut or buzz their hair for a good cause. All proceeds went to charities that benefited children with cancer. The event was enjoyable not only for those students getting buzzed, but for the event's organizers as well.

"I enjoy seeing everyone's faces when they get their heads buzzed or get their hair cut and when they either rub their heads or put their hands through their newly short haircut," president Sarah Ferst

said. "It's such a great feeling to know that everyone who is participating in the event is most likely doing it for some personal connection to cancer."

In the days leading up to the event, the executive board got the word out by posting details on Facebook and various listservs. Members wore old Buzzing t-shirts and put up flyers around campus. The publicity ensured that as many students as possible knew about and attended one of the year's most anticipated charity events and drew over 115 students to Kogan Plaza to get their hair cut and heads buzzed.

Circle K

GW Circle K was one of several community service clubs that made up Circle K International, a service project initiated by the Kiwanis Club. The original project worked to provide financial aid to college students. Circle K evolved into a larger service group that engaged college students throughout the country in various projects.

"We like to emphasize that Circle K was designed for the college student," president Johee Chung said. "We understand that students lead busy lifestyles, so we

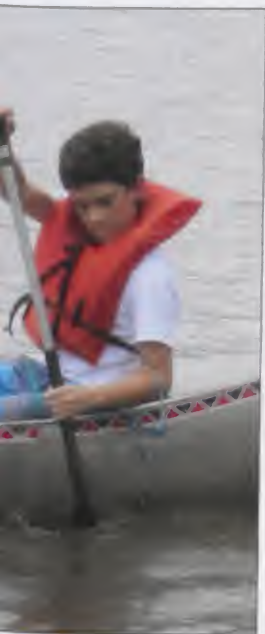
offer a variety of projects where students can serve when they want to."

Throughout the year, Circle K members participated in service projects, socials and professional development events. In the spring, the organization hosted Lost in D.C., a scavenger hunt to help students get to know each other. During a service trip to Costa Rica, members repaired a school their Kiwanis adviser had attended. In addition to hosting events, the organization offered students scholarships and textbook discounts.



CIRCLE K





CAMP KESEM

Students had fun in the sun

Before school began in August, GW students enjoyed a few days of carefree outdoor fun with children from the D.C. area at Camp Kesem. Run by GW student counselors, Camp Kesem gave children whose parents were battling cancer the chance to have fun and make new friends.

"Our mission has three

main parts- to provide a week of free, fun, safe and supportive camp to children whose parents are affected by cancer; to give college students the opportunity to develop leadership skills; and to give the parents a break and let them focus on themselves and their own health," co-chair Calder Stembel said.

To carry out this mission, Camp Kesem members spent several weeks planning activities for the attendees. Activities such as messy games, during which the kids covered the counselors in whipped cream and pudding, made the experience memorable for the children and the counselors alike.



SHOUT IT OUT

Student activist groups made their voices heard

STAND

STAND, a student anti-genocide coalition, spread awareness about genocide in areas like Sudan and Iraq. Members developed the advocacy skills necessary for promoting the prevention and eradication of genocidal violence. By spreading its message, the organization hoped to encourage the international community to protect civilians in conflict areas.

"STAND promotes its mission on campus by engaging the student body in a number of activi-

ties," president Xochitl Sanchez said. "We host weekly meetings, panel discussions, fundraising events, rallies, field trips and conferences in hopes of reaching out to GW students and the community to make them part of this anti-genocide constituency."

During the year, STAND hosted several events to distribute its message to students. These events included STAND Fast, Dodgeball for Darfur and The Sudanese State: A Panel on the Referendum by Sudanese Voices.

Voices For Choices

Voices for Choices spread awareness about abortion rights and safe sex practices so students could make informed decisions. To fulfill this mission, members collaborated with organizations from around the D.C. area, including the National Organization for Women and the D.C. Department of Health.

"D.C. is a very sexually conscious city," co-president Kim

Wollner said. "We are able to capitalize on that fact by drawing speakers and other educational information from area organizations."

In addition to educating the student body, Voices for Choices held fun events throughout the school year. Cookies and Condoms, during which members handed out treats and condoms in Kogan Plaza, was one such event.



HEALTH MATTERS

Students promoted health in the community



EMeRG

EMeRG was a student-based volunteer organization licensed to provide basic life support. The group served the Foggy Bottom campus community 24/7. Its members were certified emergency medical technicians at the basic level or higher in the District of Columbia.

Composed of undergraduate and graduate students from a wide

range of backgrounds and areas of study, EMeRG consisted of many members who were not pre-med, yet strived to serve the community because of their passion for public service and emergency medicine.

"EMeRG steps in to help other students when they really need it, usually when they are at one of their lowest points," assistant coordinator for public relations and de-

velopment Nicole Marquand said. "I have found emergency medical care to be incredibly rewarding."

In addition to providing emergency medical care, the organization offered educational opportunities for its members through monthly continuing medical education classes and involved the community in various outreach programs.



Health Leads

Health Leads, a clinic-based advocacy group, addressed and resolved problems of low-income families. The Health Leads clinic was run by Children's National Medical Center and was serviced by student volunteers, who met with families to assess their

needs and direct them to proper services.

"Connecting families to resources like housing, childcare, or utility assistance empowers families and addresses their social determinants of health," campus coordinator Callie Freitag said.

Through their service, student volunteers promoted the message that poverty did not have to lead to poor health. By bringing together students, experts and families, Health Leads had a meaningful impact on the community.

LITIGIOUS LEGALESE

Students studied the law

Pre-Law SA

The Pre-Law Student Association helped students interested in the legal profession prepare for law school. Members of the organization refined their legal writing skills, worked on law school applications and networked with legal professionals. Throughout the year, law firm partners and justices met with students to help them cultivate their interests in the legal field.

In addition to creating a network of pre-law students, the organization published the Undergraduate Law Review. The scholarly journal included articles about law, policy, philosophy, ethics and politics. The legal writing skills that members acquired from involvement with the publication gave them access to a number of academic and professional opportunities.

Mock Trial

Mock Trial taught students about legal practices and procedures by simulating criminal and civil trials in competitions against other teams. Students acted as attorneys and witnesses as they debated with members of opposing teams. The organization gave members the opportunity to refine their critical thinking and public speaking skills.

GW's Mock Trial team attended several tournaments throughout the 2010-2011 school year. In December, the team took first place at the Yale Invitational. In the spring, the team competed in regional tournaments in North Carolina and Maryland. The team was extremely successful at each tournament.



PRE-LAW SA



MOCK TRIAL

READY TO SERVE

NROTC scholars
trained for
the future

Students who opted into the Naval Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Program gained the expertise needed to become part of the Navy and Marine Corps. To fulfill the program's requirements, students took naval science courses, participated in physical training and attended summer training cruises. Though the program was challenging, it gave students valuable skills that would help them in their future careers.

Physical training and other small group activities allowed students to get to know other members of their units. These activities were popular among NROTC scholars.

"No matter how much you love the military or want to get into it, you always enjoy a little time that is somewhat relaxed," Midshipman Fourth Class Nick Vicchio said.

In addition to their regular coursework, NROTC scholars took courses in the Naval Science department. These courses taught students about the technical and professional workings of the Navy and Marine Corps. During the summer, the summer cruise program welcomed NROTC scholars from around the country to develop technical skills on ships. This program gave students the opportunity to travel around the world and experience life as a sailor.





STUDENT LIFE



GW TRAILS

Students got in touch with their wild side

GW TRAILS planned outdoor programs and service projects for the student body and student organizations. Student volunteers with a passion for the outdoors led the outings, which were held year-round. Students often applied to be guides after participating in one of the trips.

"I became part of GW TRAILS after going on PE Whitewater the week before going to college," guide Rebecca Slotkin said. "The guides leading the trip awarded me with the Wildest of the Wild award in honor of my transformation from nervous, judgmental, germaphobic froshy into a crazy, loud and dirty outdoor en-

thusiast over the course of five days."

From skiing to hiking to paintball, GW TRAILS offered outings that satisfied a wide range of interests. Activities were held near campus, like paddling on the Potomac, and far, like the Ohiopyle rafting trip. These trips allowed students to bond with their peers and develop team skills.





2011 Baer Award For Individual Excellence: Andre Smith, Chris Franzetti, Julia Haigney, Rob Maxim & Michael Komo

2011 Honey Nashman Spark A Life Award For Faculty Member Of The Year: Jason Osder

2011 Spark A Life Award For Staff Member Of The Year: Heather Schoff

2011 Joint Committee Of Faculty And Students Scholarship For Undergraduate Student Leadership Development: Cecilia Matrone, Jake Miner, Aria Morris, Chanda Postell & Jonathan Read

The Class Of 2005 9/11 Memorial Scholarship: Meshach Cisero

2011 Marc A. Zambetti Award: Michael Rabinowitz

2011 Student Employee Of The Year Award: Jazmine Dorsey

2011 Stephen Joel Trachtenberg Co-Op Student Of The Year: Shutao Wang & Daniel Sabina Schnell

2011 Mount Vernon Award: Colby Anderson

2011 Manatt-Trachtenberg Award: Sally Nuamah

2011 University Pride Award: Courtney Oddman

2011 House Leader Of The Year: Karissa Broderick-Beck

2011 House Staff Member Of The Year: Alyssa Hart

2011 Greek Man Of The Year: Ryan Douglass

2011 Greek Woman Of The Year: Vicktery Sanchez

2011 Interfraternity Council Chapter Of The Year: Pi Kappa Phi

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2011 Panhellenic Council Chapter Of The Year: Phi Sigma Sigma

2011 Multicultural Greek Council Chapter Of The Year: Delta Sigma Theta

2011 Gradlife Award For Individual Excellence: Anna Hickner

2011 Learning Through Action Award: GW Alternative Breaks

2011 Outstanding Student Service Award For An Individual: Josh Bailey & Meredith Waters

2011 Outstanding Student Service Award For A Group: Camp Kesem

2011 Pyramid Award For Student Organization Of The Year: Allied In Pride, Gwise & Indian Student Association

2011 Spotlight Of The Year: Organization Of Latino American Students

2011 Multicultural Student Services Center Excellence In Diversity Award: Organization Of Latino American Students

2011 Multicultural Student Services Center Excellence In Diversity Award: Philippine Cultural Society

2011 Walter G. Bryte, Jr. Achievement Award: Potomac House Residential Advisory Council

2011 Students' Choice For Performance Group Of The Year: The Voice Gospel Choir

2011 Students Theatre Group Of The Year: Forbidden Planet Productions

2011 Student Dance Group Of The Year: GW Ballroom

2011 Student Vocal Group Of The Year: The Voice Gospel Choir

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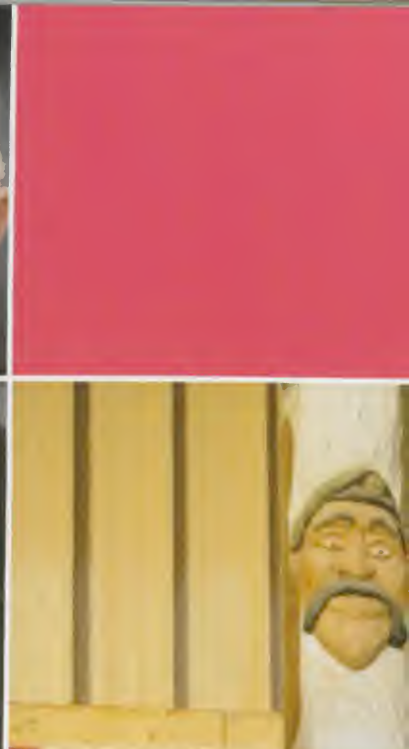


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MICHAEL KOMO

An advocate for unity and acceptance

Michael Komo came out as a gay youth when he was 16 and went on to fight for the equality of many marginalized groups throughout his GW career. These fights for fair treatment made Komo an involved and passionate undergraduate.

"I never do something because it's popular," Komo said. "I do things because I think they are the right thing to do and I genuinely care about every initiative that I have taken on during my time at GW."

In keeping with this philosophy, Komo took on many initiatives and leadership roles. Komo was on the board for Allied in Pride for eight semesters, and served as president for six of those. He was president and a founder of the Political Satire Living and Learning Cohort (LLC). Komo also worked for the Victory Fund, interned on Capitol Hill and was the Undergraduate at Large Senator for the Student Association during his junior year. During this term, he was the only openly gay senator.

Of his many endeavors, Komo was proudest of the legacy of his accomplishments on behalf of the LGBT community. He worked to found their resource center, rewrote GW's rules for transgender students and pursued the new gender-neutral housing option

in 2010. Komo's fight for LGBT equality started when he was a high school student in Pennsylvania.

"The time I came out, my sophomore year, there were no LGBT students in my entire class," Komo said. "It was very scary. It was the most difficult thing I have ever done or probably ever will do in my entire life. And it just got to the point when I couldn't continue lying about myself. I couldn't keep waking up every day and pretending to be someone I am not."

After coming out, Komo started a Gay Straight Alliance at his high school. He saw many other students gain the courage to come out after he did and noted that anti-gay harassment largely stopped after he decided to stand up and educate people about LGBT issues.

Most of all, Komo was happy about how much the GW community came together for LGBT rights and equality. The campus became even more tolerant in Komo's four years at the school.

"What I really want to leave behind at GW is that you never have to be tolerant of intolerance," Komo said. "This community is starting to feel like we are all one, whether you are a woman, or black, or gay, that if one of us doesn't have equal rights, all of us don't have equal rights."



MATT CARLSON

Paved the way for future Colonials

Matt Carlson spent his senior year with STARS always on his mind. These STARS were not glamorous celebrities or celestial bodies, but members of GW's Student Admissions Representative Program. Carlson served as the coordinator of the program for the 2010-2011 school year.

"The STAR program is constantly on my mind and I find myself always checking my e-mail to make sure I can get back to my fellow STARS," Carlson said. "I am always thinking about the visit program to make sure it goes well on a day-to-day basis."

As STAR coordinator, Carlson was responsible for these daily operations, as well as for interviewing, selecting and training new tour guides. The 2010 school year brought record numbers to the program, which attracted more than 300 applications and ultimately welcomed 100 new tour guides. These faces were often a prospective student's first line of contact with the university.

"Parents and students may not always remember exactly every specific thing they heard when they visit a college or university, but at GW with the STAR program, they have a connection with a current student and establish a relationship," Carlson said of the significance of this line of contact. "It is that personal connection, along with the pride and enthusiasm STARS bring, that make this program so important for GW."

Carlson made many connections of his own in the three years he was a tour guide before becoming coordinator. He recalled the experience of recognizing prospective students he had toured once they arrived on campus as bona fide GW students.

"To be able to have such a positive impact on something as important as choosing a college is so incredible and it's been a great honor knowing that I've helped students and families consider GW," Carlson said.

This ability to make a difference through the visit program motivated Carlson to apply to the coordinator position in the spring of his junior year. A History major, Carlson was involved in many other student organizations during his time at GW, including Dean's Council of Multicultural Recruitment, Student Association, Program Board and Senior Class Gift Committee. He was also part of the Emerging Leaders Program and the 2009 Colonial Cabinet. All of this participation on campus made Carlson a great promoter of GW to prospective students.

"I think the most important thing for potential students to know about GW is that we are unique," he said. "This creates a university that is healthy and competitive and succeeds in creating students who are going to be productive and successful in their post collegiate lives."

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ERIC THIBAUT

Reminded seniors of their pride for GW

Throughout his senior year, Eric Thibault worked to connect and unite his classmates, while also encouraging them to support GW. After spending much of his four years at the university networking with alumni, Thibault concentrated his efforts on raising money for the Senior Class Gift in 2011.

"As a student that was only able to attend GW because of the financial aid I received, I felt that this position was a great way to continue giving back to a university that has afforded me countless opportunities," Thibault said.

As the coordinator for the Senior Class Gift, Thibault started urging seniors to give back to GW. He faced some opposition—some students did not see the necessity of giving and others had tight budgets. But Thibault devised an innovative strategy of happy hours, networking opportunities and simply talking to his fellow seniors to convince them to give.

"I always say that giving to the senior class gift campaign is not a way to say you've had a perfect experience with the university, but rather it's about giving to what has meant the most to you during your four years here," Thibault said. "If people are reluctant to give, it's really just about having that conversation with them to figure out what has kept them here for four years and

encouraging them to give to that."

Thibault planned to pursue a master's degree at GW in the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration after graduation, but first wanted to make sure the Senior Class Gift taught students the importance of giving back to their school to help future and current students alike. The Senior Class Gift focused in 2011 on providing funds for the Ron Howard Student Assistance Fund to help students get emergency loans so the unexpected life events wouldn't threaten their education. Thibault had lofty goals for his class's philanthropy.

"I would really like to be part of the first Senior Class Gift Campaign that reaches 50 percent participation," Thibault said. "While we may all be giving a small amount individually, we have the ability to make a big impact on students here on scholarships, school programs and student organizations. As alumni we have the potential to make a great impact, as well, and that's why it's important to learn why we should give back as seniors."

The Massachusetts native loved his school and the opportunities it afforded him in Washington, D.C. Thibault had big goals for his senior class and knew how much it could accomplish by unifying to fund the Senior Class Gift.



ROB MAXIM

Resolved and involved

Rob Maxim was seen all over campus because of his involvement in so many different organizations. In addition to being Executive Vice President (EVP) of the Student Association, Maxim was a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha, served on Colonial Cabinet and was a member of House Staff.

"Being EVP was an excellent lesson in business management," Maxim said. "It taught me how to effectively manage a diverse group of personalities to achieve common objectives."

As EVP of Student Association, Maxim directly oversaw the Senate and worked hand-in-hand with President Jason Lifton to manage the organization. Maxim attributed his commitment to Greek life as the driving force for his actions and heavy involvement on campus.

"Greek life is unique in that it's truly a focus on community," Maxim said. "My Pike brothers are the most important support group I've had at GW, and I firmly believe that any accomplishments I've had in my time here can be traced back to my decision to join a fraternity."

As a member of Colonial Cabinet, Maxim also helped to introduce the

class of 2013 to GW.

"Being on Colonial Cabinet gave me a lot of important insight into how GW works, as well as introduced me to some of the great administrators running the school," Maxim said.

Additionally, Maxim was a member of the College Democrats throughout his four years at GW and was an active member of the International Affairs Society's Model UN team.

"How can you go to GW and not get excited about the political atmosphere of D.C.?" Maxim said.

During his senior year, Maxim was selected as a GW Presidential Administrative Fellow. After graduation he would complete his graduate degree at GW while doing rotations working in different GW departments. He planned to pursue a master's degree in International Trade and Investment within the Elliot School.

"By getting involved on campus, you have the opportunity to meet so many incredible people – I've met many of my closest friends through different student organizations," Maxim said. "In addition, on-campus groups and events are just a lot of fun."



CHRIS FRANZETTI

A model of service

Service came first for Chris Franzetti during his years at GW. From his involvement in student government to his time as an EMeRG member to his leadership on alternative break trips, Franzetti played an integral role in improving the quality of student life. He was proof that students could fulfill their own interests while simultaneously helping others achieve their goals.

When he entered college in fall 2007, Franzetti was pursuing a pre-medical track and hoped to attend medical school. Once sophomore year arrived, however, the budding biology major began eyeing a different career path.

"My work experiences and extra-curricular activities were shifting me toward a new path," Franzetti said. "It was not until my internship in Mayor Bloomberg's Office of Federal Affairs that I began to take a profound interest in political science and the workings of the government here in our nation's capital. I had taken a couple of intro-level political science classes, but it was this internship that made it clear political science was much more suited toward my interests."

While building his academic portfolio, Franzetti also participated in community service both on and off campus. After traveling to New Orleans during his

sophomore year, he immersed himself in activities with the Office of Community Service. He became an MLK Day of Service Leader, Freshman Day of Service Leader and Community Building Community Guide. Of all his experiences, Franzetti found his service trips to New Orleans the most rewarding.

"I am most proud to have had the privilege of being able to lead two alternative winter break trips down to New Orleans," Franzetti said. "They were most important to me because they allowed me to show students that service can be enjoyable. It is always an encouraging moment to see students, some of whom had never had service experiences until these trips, take an interest in community service."

Chris Franzetti impacted his peers and the many strangers he helped off-campus. He hoped that other students would follow his example and take advantage of the many opportunities that GW and the surrounding community offered.

"If you come to college knowing exactly what you want to be and where you want to be in ten years, good for you!" Franzetti said. "But I believe – and have experienced firsthand – college is really a time to experiment with new things and not be afraid to leave your comfort zone."

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STEVEN LIVINGSTON

A love of adventure and learning

Professor Steven Livingston had a simple goal in life: to learn as much as he could and to challenge his world-view. He accomplished this goal in two ways— by traveling the world and getting himself into dangerous situations and by expanding both his own mind and that of students in the classroom.

"I've always had an insatiable thirst for information, understanding and wisdom," Livingston said. "It is fantastic to be a professor because I have a new group of interesting young people filled with ideas and energy and ambition and thoughts and insights that are unique to them each semester."

In 2011, Livingston had been teaching at GW for as long as many of his students had been alive. The laidback professor had many new classes to teach and he always looked forward to the next one. He had been a faculty member at the School of Media and Public Affairs for many years and had twice served as director of the Political Communications Program. Livingston also acted as director of SMPA for two years, in 2004.

"The school has grown," Livingston said of SMPA. "When I first started it was on one floor of the Phillips building and now we have this whole wonderful building. The faculty has grown immensely. Now we have this large, very talented faculty." He said that his students also became smarter each year as a consequence of the program's growth.

Livingston openly admired his students and was as proud of their accomplishments as his own. He worked with them on numerous occasions, both on published essays, studies and public projects. He also shared stories of his former students with his current pupils as a source of inspiration.

Even with his busy schedule on campus, Livingston didn't miss out on travel. In his usual uniform of hiking boots, light shirts and khaki pants, the professor looked like he could fly across the earth right after class, a feat he often accomplished. His office was lined with pictures of him on military tanks in the Middle East and with traditional tribes in Africa. He proudly filled up two passports. Often compared to Indiana Jones by his students, the professor clearly could be called an adventurer as easily as a teacher.

"A lot of people think sabbaticals are for professors to go off to the Bahamas to work on their tan," Livingston said. "I went to cold, cold Germany. I was in Africa, India, Germany and Afghanistan, working on my understanding."

The professor wanted to understand the world and how people viewed their own lives. His travels gave him fresh perspectives and he was both able to share those views with students and gain from their opinions. Steven Livingston was clearly more than a bookworm professor, but he was always learning in 2011.



MEGAN HOGAN

A race to the top

Megan Hogan began running competitively just four years before she started running professionally for Team USA Minnesota. She began her college career playing basketball for Mount Ida College, but transferred to GW after two years. Here, she decided to chase her interest in running - literally.

"I knew I really liked running and wanted to continue it, so I e-mailed Coach Beil to see if he would be interested in me based on my one season of cross country at Mount Ida," Hogan said. "After that, it sounds cheesy, but I guess I just fell in love with running."

During her sophomore year, Hogan was the first ever GW cross country runner to qualify for NCAA Nationals. She went on to become the A-10 individual champion, A-10's cross country Performer of the Year and Student-Athlete of the year in 2010. Hogan concluded her career at GW with an eighth place finish at the 2010 NCAA Championships.

"It felt really good even though I really wanted to be at least top three," Hogan said. "I'm hardly ever completely satis-

fied with a performance, but I was very happy."

Her career bests were 32:34.95 in the 10,000 meters and 16:09.54 in the 5,000 meters.

"My coaches have helped me become a better runner by literally teaching me everything there is to know about the sport," Hogan said.

In addition to her hard work during practices to prepare for races, the two-time All American runner boosted her strength with a peanut butter and banana sandwich before every race. In the end, though, Hogan attributed her cross country success to her first season as a GW athlete.

"It was a great introduction to the sport and I had really great teammates who are some of my best friends to this day," Hogan said. "It's also when I really realized my potential and really fell in love with the sport."

Hogan hoped to compete in the 10K at the US championships in the summer of 2011 and to continue on to make the World team.



KYE ALLUMS

A first in Division I sports

Junior Kye Allums, who played for the Colonials' women's basketball team, was the first openly transgender athlete in Division I sports. After announcing his decision to identify as transgender and be referred to as male to his coaches and teammates, Allums told the media. The choice to go public with his transition was easy.

"Why not say something?" Allums said. "It was getting difficult to have the people I see on a daily basis refer to me as someone I'm not."

Allums made the announcement to the public on Nov. 1 in an interview with OutSports.com. His story drew attention from the national media and the transgender community.

"As a competitive athlete it's cool to be the first in things," Allums said. "I wouldn't have been able to be first without having the strong support system that I have."

Allums continued to play for the women's team and decided to delay hormone therapy until April 2012. Allums described the attention as overwhelm-

ing at first.

"It's kind of sad because I'm sure there have been other athletes who feel or felt the way I do," Allums said. "Not having a support system for who you are as a person shouldn't be anyone's reality, but sadly it is. I may be the first D-I athlete, but I sure hope I am not the last."

Allums believed that his decision to be open helped him appreciate the supportive people he had in his life.

"This decision has definitely showed me who truly cares about me and who truly cares about a person others wanted me to be," Allums said.

He also noted that his role models included people that carried themselves in a strong manner, such as his mother and President Obama.

Allums played guard for the Colonials, but was forced to sit out during multiple games of the 2010-2011 season because of a series of concussions. He sustained his first concussion against Coppin State on Nov. 18 and another one against Miami on Dec. 28.

INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT STEVEN KNAPP

The theme of this year's book is "Be Bold." How do you think GW students exemplify this?

I am impressed by the way in which our students get engaged in the world around them. I often hear about things that students do, like with Alternative Breaks and service— that's part of the culture here. That is one of the ways our students are bold— and also the ways that they get engaged in so much of what is happening on- and off-campus.

You came to GW when this year's graduating class were freshmen. How do you feel seeing your inaugural class of students who spent all four years with you graduate?

I am a senior, too! I'm sure during Commencement I'll be reminiscing with them about my four years here.

How do you feel after four years as President of GW?

We have made a lot of progress in many different directions the past four years. We have brought in significant leaders for the schools

and we have hired our first Nobel Laureate. I have seen the opening of two gold LEED certified residence halls—South Hall and West Hall. And plans are underway to really strengthen our academic programs with new resources, the Innovation Task Force and adding to advising. It is a whole huge effort.

There is a lot that has happened here. To have the President of the United States on campus not once, not twice, not thrice, but four times— I think it shows the ways in which we are in such a strategic position here to show our students what is going on in the world.

We always hear about the GW experience. What does that saying mean to you?

Part of it has to do with what it means to be in the nation's capital and to be able to engage with so many institutions—government agencies, but also the nonprofit organizations and the embassies that surround us. I think it is the experience of a vibrant urban environment, but also a global city, and we are becoming a much more diverse

university. We have students from 130 countries and all 50 states. We are a national and international university.

The GW experience is also about how students get involved on-campus. That is a really big part of that. What I tell students every freshman year at Colonial Inauguration is to make sure you get to know individual faculty because they will open doors for you and introduce you to new fields, and also get to know your fellow students. That is probably the single most important part of the GW experience. The reason you want such a diverse student body is so that students can be exposed to multiple perspectives and form friendships with people from all over the country and the world.

That was George Washington's idea for The George Washington University. His idea for creating a university in the nation's capital was that students would come from all regions of the new country and transcend their regional identity. They would get to know each other and form lasting friendships. Work together, live together and study

together. Students would then think of themselves as part of a nation, because it was a brand new nation. We still do that, but we do it with the world, and not just the nation. To me, that is all a part of the GW experience.

Graduates of 2011 saw a lot happen in D.C. and a lot of changes around them. How do you think they will change the world?

The world has gotten to be very complicated. It is a very challenging world. We have environmental challenges, political challenges and economic challenges. And this generation is the future. We hope that what we are doing here is equipping our students to deal with complexity, engage compassionately and try to solve problems that affect those around them.

Each of the sections in the 2011 Cherry Tree Yearbook is themed with a saying like "be wise," "be yourself," etc. If there was one "be..." that you would add to the book what would it be?

"Be Imaginative" or
"Be Compassionate".



INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT A. CHERNAK

SENIOR VICE PROVOST & SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

The theme of this year's book is "Be Bold." How do you think GW students exemplify this?

Every generation of freshmen that we have is more prepared than the one that preceded it. They have so many experiences—work, internships, international travel, that when they get here they are ready to take off right away. What happens is that GW students are more risk-oriented, they challenge themselves more than ever academically, and take on positions in experiential learning in government, at the World Bank and all the institutions around town.

They are bold, worldly and ambitious.

Graduates of 2011 saw a lot happen in D.C. and a lot of changes around them. How do you think they will change the world?

If you look at what GW alumni are doing now, you look around and see successes, in every walk of life—finance, entrepreneurial enterprises, government, public service. We know GW grads are successful.

Now look at today's students and see where they come from in terms of their interests and how

prepared they are when they get here. There is no question that they are going to be successful. GW students are driven to success.

When I talk to freshmen at CI and ask where do you see yourself going after graduation, some say I'm going to law school or graduate school, but so many others articulate expectations when they arrive. For instance, "I'm going to be the governor of my state," "I'm going to be a senator from Utah," "I want to be president of Bank of America."

The point is that the ambition gives the students motivation to help them achieve those levels of

success. That is one of the characteristics of GW students.

It is a competitive student population, not in terms of other students, but in terms of the visions they have of what they want to conquer going forward.

Each of the sections in the 2011 Cherry Tree Yearbook is themed with a saying like "be wise," "be yourself," etc. If there was one "be..." that you would add to the book what would it be?

I would say "Belong", because you will belong as a member of the GW alumni community.





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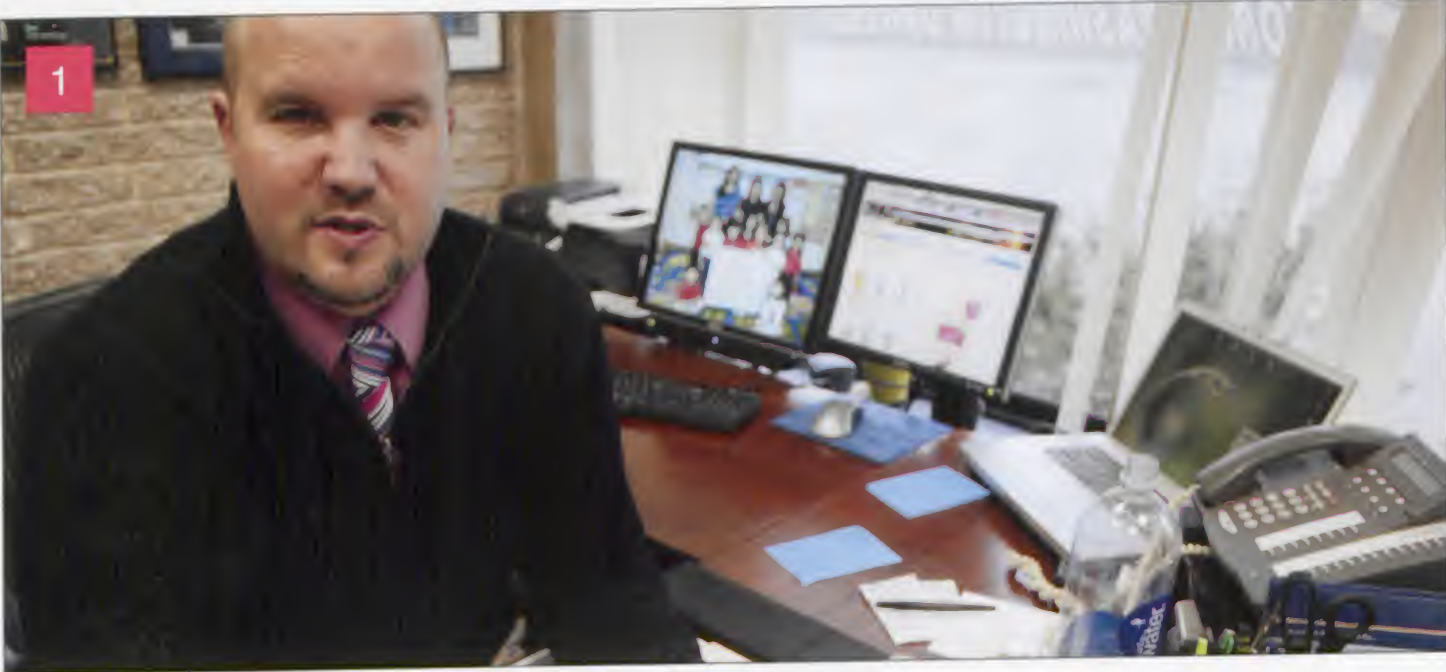
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Jack Kvancz spent 17 years with The George Washington University. In 2011 he stepped down as Athletic Director. He was an influential figure in GW athletics and helped to make the program more prominent through an increased focus on academics and his work on the Charles E. Smith Center renovations.





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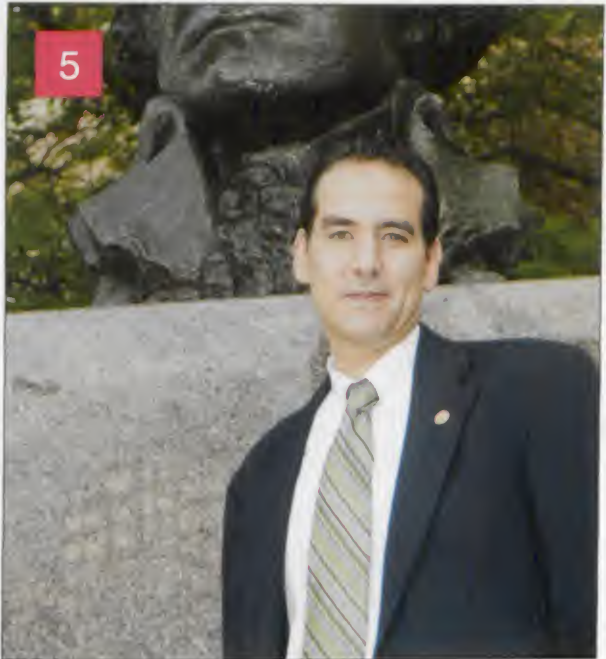








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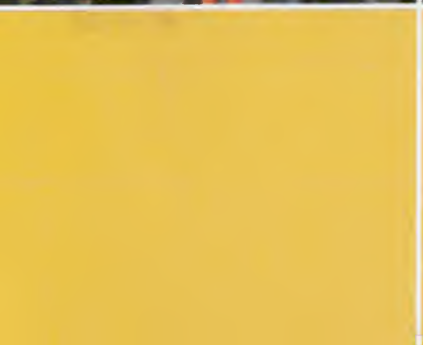
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HOME IS WHERE YOU HANG YOUR LETTERS

Greeks moved into new homes and lived closer to their brothers and sisters

1- Strong Hall

Chi Omega sisters were proud to show off their new housing at an open house in early September. Formerly a residence hall, Strong Hall was converted into a sorority house to accommodate Chi Omega and Pi Beta Phi in 2010. With their renovated kitchens, new furniture and Greek letters hanging on the door, the members of Chi O and Pi Phi had a new place to call home.

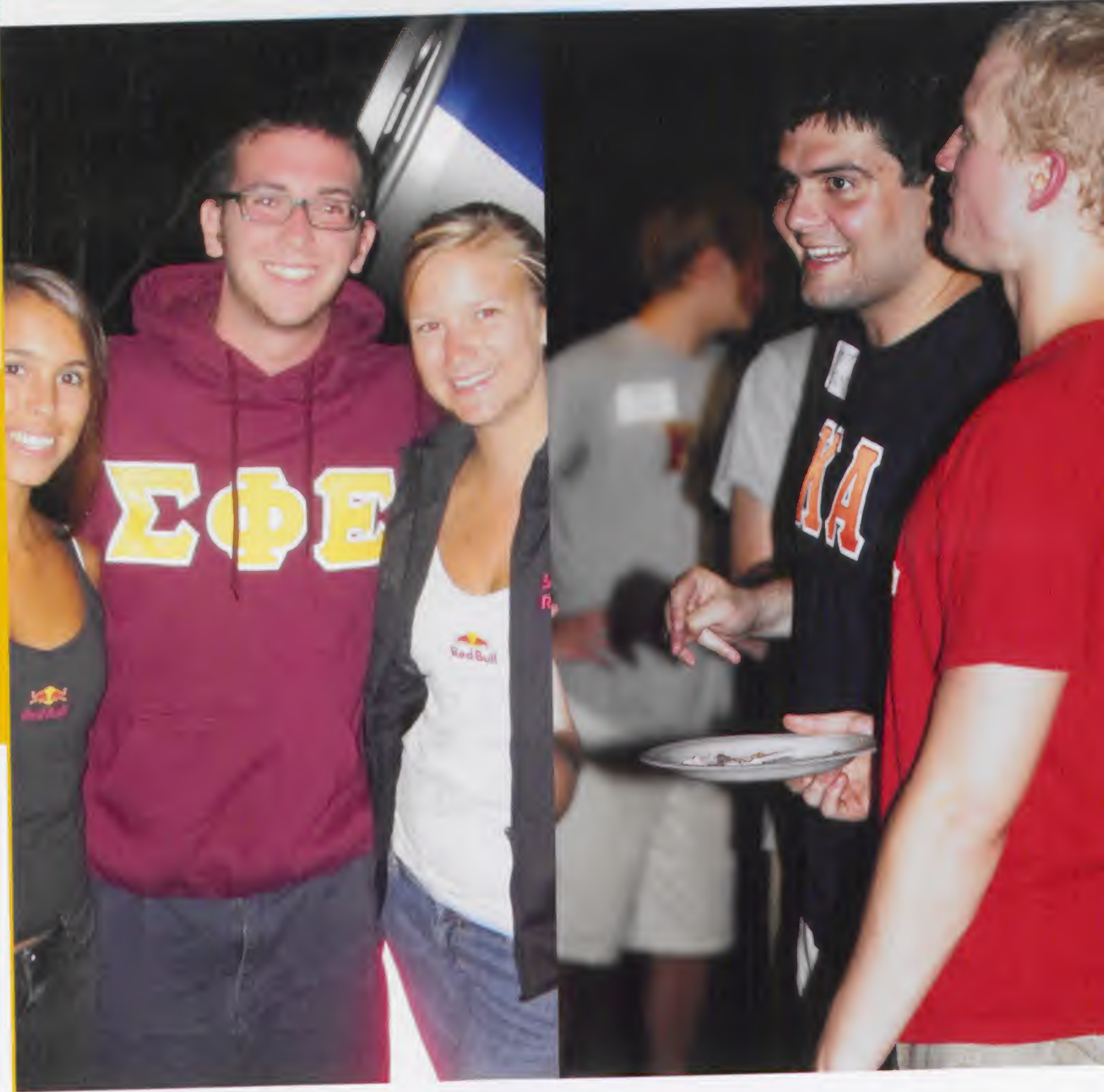
2 - Phi Kappa Psi Townhouse

Phi Kappa Psi brothers leased a six-person townhouse located at 2206 F St. The facility was the chapter's first official housing in over five years. The brothers used the house for alumni events, mixers with sororities, philanthropic programming, study space and meetings.

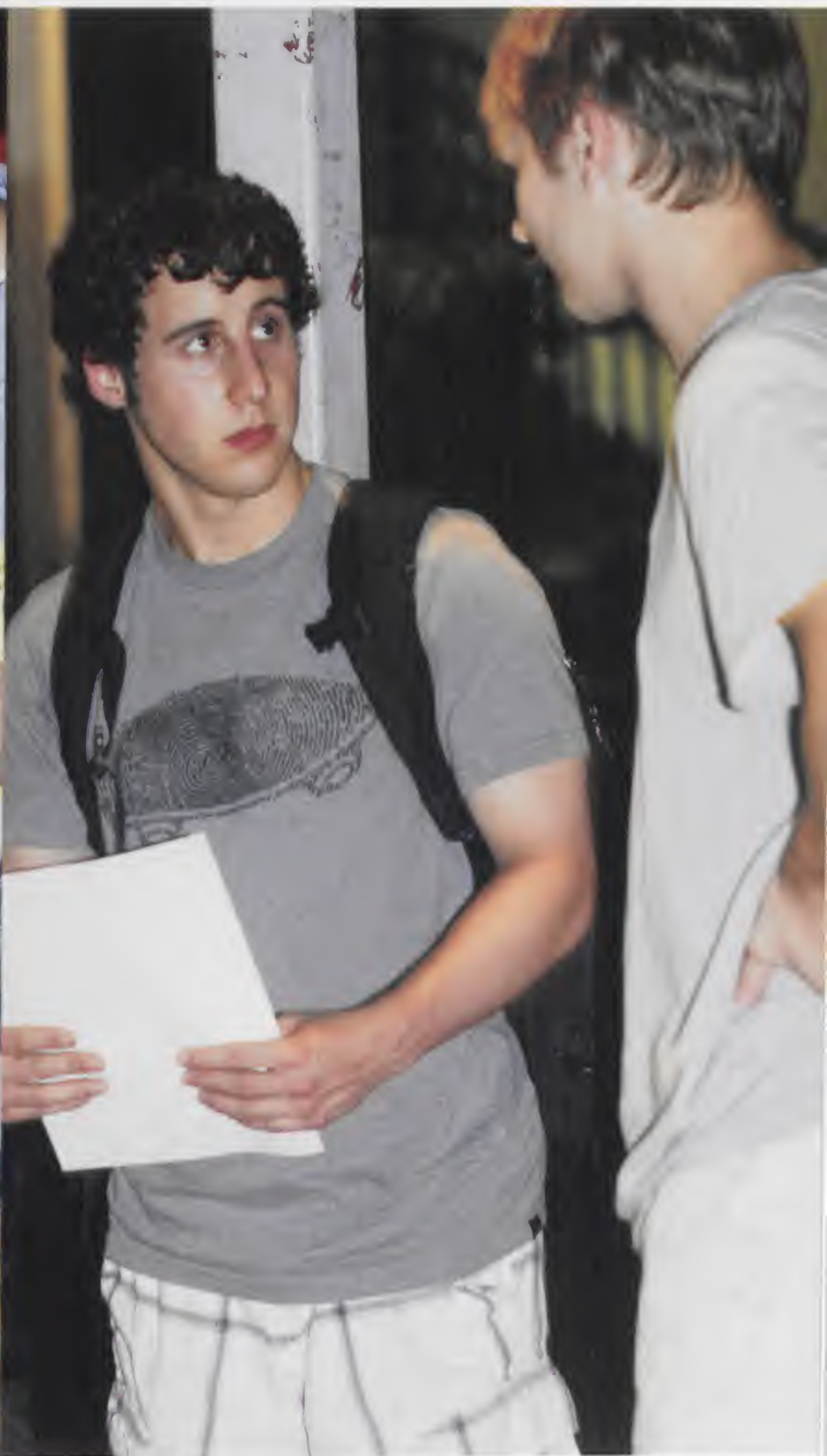


RUSH HOUR IS FROM 7 TO 10

GREEK LIFE



GW's Interfraternity Council (IFC) welcomed potential new brothers to explore life in a fraternity during its fall recruitment.



THE HIGHEST BIDDER

Average sorority chapter size rose from 84 to 134

For 2010 Panhellenic recruitment, each sorority's quota was raised by nine women from the year before, requiring each chapter to welcome 46 new members. This increase was reflected by the record 461 women who were offered bids to join one of GW's ten Panhellenic sororities on Sept. 28.

"Our chapter almost doubled

in size with the new pledge class," junior Alpha Delta Pi sister Brooke Schwartz said. "It's been so fun getting to know all the new girls!"

One month of anticipation and four days of recruitment all led up to one moment— Bid Day. After receiving their bids in the Marvin Center, new members flooded University Yard,

where cheers, signs and T-shirts welcomed them to their new families. Of these new members, 88 percent of participants had received their first-choice sorority.

"I got the sorority I knew I wanted the whole time, which made the process totally worth it!" freshman Mackenzie Wood said. Wood was a new member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.



GREEK WEEK

Greek organizations enjoyed friendly competition and silly fun



1 - Cake-Eating Contest

A GW Greek Week tradition, the cake-eating contest, was the first part of the Double Dare Relay Race at the field day held in University Yard. The Green Monkeys team, which was made up of Phi Sigma Sigma, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Sigma Nu and Lambda Upsilon Lambda came in first place in the relay, but finished second in Greek Week.

2 - Pour It On

Pour it On was the fourth part of the relay race and followed a stroll competition in Kogan Plaza. Participants raced to see who could fill a cup held over a team member's head using a sponge and a bowl of liquid first. Although the Blue Barracudas, composed of Sigma Kappa, Pi Kappa Phi and Delta Sigma Theta came in second in the relay race, they came in first overall in Greek Week with a final score of 7,967.



ALPHADELTA PI

We live for each other



ADPi sisters waited anxiously to greet their 49 new members in University Yard on Bid Day. This was the largest new member class in the chapter's history.

Sisters,

This year has been an exciting one for ADPi at GW. As I write this letter, it is only October and we have welcomed fun, intelligent and beautiful Alphas into our sisterhood, won Pi-Kapp's War of the Roses and laughed together while barbequing and playing Cornhole on the "fratio." There's no telling what the rest of this year or the future has in store for us. The only thing I'm certain about is that we will keep having fun and we will keep living for each other.

Thanks to all of the officers who make this chapter great, and to our advisers who are with us through everything.

Loyally,
Lizzie Speaker



Every year the sisters of ADPi spent a weekend at a sisterhood retreat. During the fall retreat, located on a lake in Maryland, members bonded over s'mores and workshops.

ALPHA EPSILON PHI

Many hearts, one purpose



AEPhi showed off the colorful hoodies they used as costumes during Greek Week. The chapter was paired with ZBT for the week-long event.

To the wonderful ladies of
Alpha Epsilon Phi,

It has been a great honor getting to know all of you since I have joined AEPhi. Even more so, as president, I feel as if I have formed a connection with the house on a deeper level. The opportunity to get to know each and every one of you has been truly rewarding. Now, more than ever, I love being able to call you my sisters.

When I first became more involved in Alpha Epsilon Phi, I anticipated that it might be difficult to accli-

mate to the new responsibilities. Being pledge class president meant a flooded inbox of e-mails containing questions that I, unfortunately, didn't have the answers to. Although it may have caused some stress at the time, I was later able to joke about it with my freshman roommates. These responsibilities have taken a turn for the best, and have evolved into something which I am honored to commit to. Being the president of AEPhi has proved to be a challenge, but one that comes with endless benefits, the most impor-

tant of these being lifelong friendships.

And with lifelong friendships comes tons and tons of fun. Our Second Annual Bowl-anthropy was a success (if I do say so myself). Although half of the lanes were broken and some of the fraternity boys got a little rowdy, we had a great time getting gutter balls and stuffing our faces with food from WOW!

Then there was summer, and after that, Recruitment. Being able to reconnect with the seniors that had been abroad the semester before was truly gratifying. Jumping

up and down while singing our songs was not only fun, but it demonstrated our unity as a house. Most recently, we began our new member education process with an unusually large group of AMAZING girls. We welcome the Alpha Nu's to AEPhi and hope that they can reap all of the rewards from AEPhi that we have.

With Pink Shabbat and AEPhi Hoops right around the corner, we are excited for a jam-packed, fun filled fall term. LML ☺

Lily

ALPHAPHI

Union hand in hand



Alpha Phi sisters greeted their 49 new members on Panhellenic Bid Day in University Yard.

Dear Sisters,

I cannot believe that it is the end of my term already—this year has flown by. As the president of our chapter, I could not be more proud. Whether it was winning Gold Level for the Chapter Excellence Awards in April, winning Outstanding Chapter at National Convention in Miami in July, or raising over \$14,500 at our Red

Dress Gala this fall, I was never disappointed. I could not be more honored to represent such an amazing group of young women. You ladies make me smile every day, so I just want to say thank you. Thank you for all the memories and the joy that we have shared this year. To the younger members— please pass it on. I have all the faith in the world in you and I cannot wait to see what you

accomplish in the years to come.

I want to thank our chapter advisers—you are the heart and soul of this chapter and we would not be where we are today if it was not for you. Your passion and love for this chapter is truly inspiring and I hope that I can continue to contribute the way that you have contributed to us. I want to take this time to also congratulate

all of our seniors for graduating. We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. You have left an amazing legacy behind and have truly shaped our chapter into what it is now, and for that I am eternally grateful. Good luck in all that you do and know that your sisters are always here to welcome you home!

AOE,
Alex

CHIOMEGA

Hellenic culture and Christian ideals



Chi Omega sisters visited with Chi O alumnae in Post Hall on the Mt. Vernon Campus on Founder's Day.



Chi Omega mixed with three other Greek chapters during a field day in the fall.

To my fun-loving sisters in
Chi Omega

Congratulations! We have had such an exciting year and I am proud of our accomplishments. The memories we've created— at Field Day, Fireman's Challenge, the New Member Retreat, Big/Little, skit nights, Greek Week and just hanging around the Castle— will always stick with me as I look back on my time at GW. I am especially proud of receiving Gold Level standing at the Greek Excellence Awards last spring! Not to mention, all of the money we have raised and events we have participated in for the Make-a-Wish Foundation and different fraternities' philanthropies. It's easy to forget that we have only been back on campus since the fall of 2008.

Seniors- congratulations

on graduating! I loved our get-togethers before Owlween and whenever we all found time in our busy schedules to spend together. As the largest group of the charter class, we have influenced our chapter and helped it grow to what it is today. I hope that after college, we will continue to keep in touch and stay connected to Chi Omega, no matter where we end up.

To the 2010 and 2011 Executive Boards, Cardinal Cabinets, advisers, newly initiated members and every single Phi Alpha sister— thank you! We should be proud of our contributions to Chi Omega and the reputation we have created at GW. I am excited to see what we will accomplish over the next few years!

LiCo,
Arianna

DELTA GAMMA

Do good



Delta Gamma, along with the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and multicultural chapters Lambda Chi Alpha and Kappa Phi Lambda, represented the Purple Parrot team for Greek Week.

Hello, Everyone!

It has been my privilege to serve the Beta Rho chapter this past year, and as my term as president is coming to a close, I would just like to share a few standout moments for DG from the last few months. On Sep. 28th, Beta Rho welcomed 49 amazing new members to our sisterhood. Not only was this one of our biggest intakes, but the new members also truly

exemplify the values we live every day as Delta Gammas. Additionally, there has been no shortage of DGs "doing good" through service events. DGs have gone to St. Mary's Court to continue doing makeovers for the elderly residents there, something our members really enjoy. Many of our members have taken advantage of the "Delta Gramma" program, where they pair up with a resident at St. Mary's Court and

spend time with them every week just enjoying their company.

Just last weekend, a group of DGs could be spotted at the World War II memorial spending time with Ohio veterans and assisting them around their monument. Hearing these veterans tell their stories was a privilege and something that won't be forgotten any time soon.

Our seniors have remained a vital part of

our chapter's success, and continued to be involved and active throughout my experience as president. I would just like to say thank you to those seniors and wish them luck in whatever they do. I cannot wait to see how our seniors "do good" down their post-graduate paths. The opportunities for you are endless. Seniors, you will be missed.

Sincerely,
Hannah Spengler

KAPPAKAPPAGAMMA

Tradition of leadership



KKG sisters anxiously waited to greet their new members in University Yard on Bid Day.



In addition to holding their own philanthropy event, Kappa Kickball, KKG also participated in other philanthropy events, such as PIKE's Fireman's Challenge.

To the Sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma!

It has been an honor and privilege to be your chapter president this year. You have all inspired and shaped me to be the best leader I can be. I have been so impressed by all of your accomplishments this year. To name a few, we had a very successful hands-on Reading is Key event with the children at the Boys and Girls Club of D.C. We had more books than they could take home! The kids had a great afternoon and I know next year will be another successful event. In the fall, we ranked Gold for the Greek Excellence Awards! This was an accomplishment I was particularly impressed with. Each sister of this chapter had her own contribution to making the binder full of events and activities that benefited Kappa Kappa Gamma, the GW community and the D.C. neighborhood. I know that next spring will be as successful as the last! One of the highlights of the spring was creating our very own version of the "Kappa Rappa" for recruitment. We all had a great time recording our video on the National Mall and the video was a hit.

This past fall has been a challenging, but memorable term! We invited 50 new members to our chapter and they have truly added a lot of new and positive energy!

They were very involved in our annual Kappa Kickball philanthropy event. The chapter as a whole truly enjoyed the time on the Mall cheering on other teams throughout the kickball tournament. This year, we had a lot of fun and success with our trunk shows. Stores such as LF and Blue 1 have visited our chapter and transformed our house into a boutique. In addition, one of our own sisters invited her older sister to our home to share with us her very own clothing line, Kings of Cole. All of the trunk shows have been very successful and we are proud to donate over \$3,000 to our national philanthropy Reading is Fundamental.

I am so proud to call you all my sisters and I am amazed by all of you all the time. This chapter is truly composed of motivated and intelligent women who I know will go far in life. I am sad to see my term come to an end, but I am more than positive that the incoming officers will continue to build upon and strengthen Kappa Kappa Gamma. To the seniors, I wish you the best of luck in your future, and always remember that you have a home here at Gamma Chi. Best of luck to you all and thank you for an experience that I will never forget!

L,
Jenna Gabe

PHISIGMASIGMA

Aim high

To the Kappa Chapter of **Phi Sigma Sigma**, to my best friends, my study buddies, my personal stylists, to my sisters –

By the time you read this, the 2011 Executive Board and Executive Councils will be doing amazing things – raising thousands for our philanthropic endeavors, planning community service events to brighten a person's day, preparing for the best week of the year (recruitment!) and more. I might be in Oregon, Tennessee, West Africa, or maybe just a few Metro stops away in D.C. when you read this, but right now, as I write this, I am sitting in the Phi Sig house in my room, listening to a meeting going on in the living room hashing out plans for our semi-formal. I am G-chatting with a few sisters, hearing girls study for tomorrow's mid-term and savoring the present because in the present I have a lot to be grateful for.

I want to thank our team of advisers, who have devoted countless hours of their lives to the well being of this chapter. To the 2010 Executive Board – you have taught me so much. You have challenged me, sup-

ported me and through it all you all have made me a better person, so thank you. And to the Class of 2011: thank you for inspiring me. You are all such special and motivated women and I am so fortunate that I have been able to spend all four years of my college experience with you. Here's to the bright, bright future!

I am so truly thankful for this chapter, for having a support system of sisters and a network of insightful and interesting alumnae. You all have amazed me through your strength in moments of adversity, your creativity, your hard work while planning endless events and your selfless love for your sisters. However, mostly, I am thankful because I know that I am a part of an organization in which every member can be thankful for the same things.

As we sing each year, *"The friends we made will reign supreme, true sisterhood will guide our dreams. Our years with you, we will recall – Phi Sigma Sigma unites us one and all."*

Once, Always,

Samantha McLean
Archon 2010



Phi Sigma Sigma sisters celebrated their newly renovated townhouses on F Street at a housewarming party in the fall.



Phi Sigma Sigma placed first in Sigma Chi's annual philanthropy event, Derby Days. The event benefited the Children's Miracle Network and raised close to \$10,000.

PIBETAPHI

To promote friendship, develop women of intellect and integrity, cultivate leadership potential and enrich lives through community service



Pi Beta Phi sisters won the flag football tournament in Pi Kappa Phi's annual War of the Roses philanthropy event.



Pi Beta Phi participated in a four-way mixer at a Nationals game in the spring.

The 2010 to 2011 school year marks another phase of progress for the D.C. Alpha Chapter of Pi Beta Phi. Not only was recruitment extremely successful—resulting in an amazing Epsilon pledge class—but the transition into Strong (including our new chef Joy), has allowed Pi Phi to make a true home on campus. All of this was possible due to the dedication of our Alumnae Advisory Council and House Corporation, led by Mary Lu Meixell and Mary Tanner, respectively. Both spent long hours working with our Executive Council and the university to ensure the needs of the chapter were always met. Their dedication demonstrates the long lasting bond of sisterhood exemplified by Pi Phi. Throughout my membership in D.C. Alpha, I have experienced the continuous growth of Pi Phi's presence on campus and during my tenure as president, I hope to continue this trend. In the spring I look forward to formal, our philanthropic event Arrowstrike and spending time with my incredible sisters.

Liz Sieck
Chapter President
D.C. Alpha Chapter, Pi Beta Phi

SIGMA DELTA TAU

One hope of many people



A house photo of the SDT chapter was taken during their annual philanthropy event, Speed Dating. The event was held every year around Valentine's Day in order to raise money for the chapter's national philanthropy, Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA). In 2010, the chapter invited every organization in the Greek community to participate and raised over \$1,000 for PCAA.

To my lovely sisters of
Sigma Delta Tau,

I could not be any prouder of all the hard work and dedication you have put into making Sigma Delta Tau the world's greatest sorority. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with you all throughout the year. Your dedication and enthusiasm toward the sorority have made my job as president infinitely easier and more enjoyable.

To the seniors- thank you for your guidance and inspiration. You girls have lead our chapter toward becoming the strongest it

has been in years. I cannot imagine how difficult it would have been without your love and support.

To Karen- thank you for being so committed to our house. Your dedication and constant feedback are well received and appreciated by our chapter and especially by me.

Finally, to all the members of the Greek community- thank you for supporting us and being great peers to work with. It is an honor to have gotten to know you all better over the past year.

With love,
Sara Fischer



SDT hosted two crush parties each year. Here, sisters gathered at the "If It Isn't Neon, It Shouldn't Be On" party. Invitations were extended to the entire Greek community.

SIGMAKAPPA

One heart, one way



Sigma Kappa welcomed 49 new members in University Yard on Bid Day. Later in the evening, the new doves (SK's term of endearment for the newest members) and sisters went on a cruise on the Potomac River to get to know each other. The Zeta chapter bonded over appetizers, music and dancing.



Dear Sisters of Sigma Kappa,

This year has made me prouder than ever to be a sister, and the president of, Sigma Kappa. We had so many amazing accomplishments this year, whether at the Greek Night of Excellence, during recruitment, or getting an amazing new member class.

For those of you graduating, I hope you take what Sigma Kappa has taught you over your four years into the real world. Take your SK memories with you, whether those are of coaching and cheering at Sigmalympics, dancing the night away at Tacky Prom, or having a super awkward date to My Tie. Remember that you will always have sisters supporting you and cheering you on, no matter where you are.

Sigma Love and Mine,
Leah Grubb

ALPHA EPSILON PI

I sought my brother out and found all three



The brothers of AEPi participated in Kappa Kappa Gamma's philanthropy event, Kappa Kickball. The kickball tournament was held on the National Mall.

As I reflect upon the past four years, it's hard to resist the temptation to rely on those "graduation platitudes" to characterize what I'm feeling. We all heard them when we graduated high school—"the best four years of our lives," "it seems like yesterday that we just started," "an experience we'll never forget," etc. But many of these phrases have a lot of truth

in them. I, along with the rest of the seniors in AEPi, feel fortunate to have been part of a Greek community as diverse and active as ours. The last four years have been incredible, and I cannot think of four years in my life where I have had as much fun, met so many great people and accomplished so much—the vast majority of which is thanks to AEPi and GW Greek Life.

Whether it be a sorority philanthropy event, an AEPi brotherhood dinner, or a Sunday barbecue somewhere on campus, these experiences as a whole shaped my college experience and are some I will always remember. As we prepare to move into the working world, the lack of themed parties and vicious intramurals will definitely take some getting used to,

but I am confident that we will all make the necessary adjustments. So, in closing, on behalf of the seniors of AEPi, I'd just like to say that GW Greek Life is an experience I will never forget that led to the best four years of my life, which seems like they began only yesterday.

Thank you GW and good luck to the class of 2011,

TJ Ducklo

BETATHETAPI

Cooperation makes strength



Beta's new 27-member pledge class was serenaded by the sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma on Inter-Fraternity Council Bid Day in the fall. This was Beta's largest pledge class ever.



Beta brothers posed after Beta Cup, the chapter's annual philanthropy event. The soccer tournament was hosted on the National Mall every year since Beta's founding. Proceeds from 2010 went to M Street Village, a shelter for battered women in Washington, D.C.

Brother Belas,

It is hard to believe how far we've come in the last few years. Back then, our largest pledge class was 12 and we hovered around 45 members. This fall, we took 27 awesome guys and brought our chapter to a place it had never been. I'd never seen so much enthusiasm amongst us and it's extremely encouraging to see what we have the potential to do on this campus and in this community. I can't wait to see what the future holds.

To the seniors- you were the new members when I entered the chapter and now you're graduating. It's hard to imagine what school's going to be like without you all. We love you guys and are so thankful for

all the work you put in to get us where we are now. Couldn't have done it without you and you'll certainly be missed.

Thanks also to our advisers for their faith in us and devotion to helping our chapter. You've been not only a tremendous resource to us, but also trusted friends and brothers.

It's been a great year and I know we're all excited for more to come. Keep the enthusiasm up, guys, and keep having as much fun as I've had. It's the best four years of your life for a reason.

"For if you are a Beta, a Beta Theta Pi. Well then you'll be a Beta, you'll be one 'til you die."

kai

Corey Lewin

DELTA TAU DELTA

Labor for the beautiful and the good



Delta Tau Delta brothers participated in an intramural football game on the National Mall.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the brothers of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. I have learned a lot from them during my presidency. They are some of the best brothers anyone could ask for. I truly feel I am not done with my position. I can do better—and will do better—which is why I will continue my presidency for one more year. If it wasn't for my brothers, I would not be where I am today. I am excited to see what this next year will bring and to embark upon a new journey with my brothers.

Patrick Cox



KAPPAALPHA

God and the ladies



KA brothers attended the Court of Honor, which recognized and honored alumni for their continuing interest, support and participation in the Order. Active chapters were also recognized.



KA carved pumpkins with their letters to celebrate Halloween.

Alpha Nu chapter has had an active and inspiring year in 2010-2011. As a chapter, our spring 2010 GPA was our highest thus far at 3.1, and was also in the top 40 percent of all our national chapters. Our brothers have continued to give back to the local community around them, engaging in various community service projects, as well as donating to our national philanthropy, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and our national scholarship fund. Our annual Convivium was a

success, and our brothers continue to be active in clubs and internships outside of the chapter.

This year, we would like to give special thanks to our alumni adviser, Arvis Layton, who has given so much of his time and energy in seeing our chapter through its young years. And to our seniors, Ben Bruen and Damon Bandera-Duplantier, a special thank you and congratulations for all the work and memories you have contributed to our chapter. *Fratres usque ad aram fidelis!*

KAPPASIGMA

Bologna teaches



Kappa Sigma teamed up with Chi Omega, Alpha Kappa Alpha and Zeta Beta Tau to form the Red Jaguars team during Greek Week.

It has been quite a memorable year for Kappa Sigma here at GW, especially as we continued to adjust to our bigger size. When I joined this chapter, I think there were about nine brothers who participated and another four off the radar. After some hard work by every brother over the last two years, we will finish this year in the forties. That is a tremendous accomplishment that I hope every one of my brothers feels as proud of as I do. But besides a sense of accomplishment, this chapter has given me special memories that are unforgettable. I will always laugh at the thought of my brother, BumHee Lee, dancing away to win Mr. Phi

Significant during the fall as my chapter roared in the audience. There are many other instances, but they would not have happened if it weren't for the work of several people.

I would like to thank Garrett Atherton, one of our recent alumni, who always gives us advice when we ask for it, and also our Alumni Adviser, Nathan Uldricks, who comes up with endless strategies for us. Stephen Hughes and Kevin Stone have also been an incredible help to our chapter as well. Thank you for everything, guys. Finally, I would like to thank every one of my brothers for their hard work throughout the year and for always being there for me and each other.



The brothers of Kappa Sigma won first place in Phi Sigma Sigma's annual philanthropy event, Sapphire Cup, which benefited Kids Enjoy Exercise Now (KEEN). The organization gave children with developmental and physical disabilities recreational opportunities.

LAMDACHIALPHA

Every man a man



The brothers of Lambda Chi competed in Pi Beta Phi's annual wiffle ball tournament for literacy.



To recruit new members, Lambda Chi Alpha invited potential brothers to enjoy Chesapeake Bay blue crabs and fine steak in University Yard during IFC Rush in September.

Dear GW,

The last year has seen a lot of changes for our chapter and we could not be happier about where we are. We moved out of our dilapidated old chapter house and into university housing and it feels great to be rid of that dead weight. We've begun a much needed period of growth after several semesters of decreasing membership. And lastly, we feel more a part of the GW Greek community than ever before.

We're extremely excited to see what the next few years have in store for us. With outstanding new members who will soon be leading our organization, we know that there are many more great things ahead for Lambda Chi Alpha at GW.

Sincerely,
Nat Kaine

PHIKAPPAPSI

The great joy of serving others



The Alpha Omicron Pledge class of Phi Psi posed after receiving their bids.



PHISIGMAKAPPA

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you



PSK brothers socialized before their spring formal.

Brothers,

With this past academic year we have witnessed an exciting time for our brotherhood, and I believe we are all looking forward to the future. As one of the oldest and most historic fraternities at GW, we have proudly been a part of this great academic community since 1899. As we approach our 40th year in our house on the corner of 21st and F Streets, I am

very proud of all that we have accomplished this year and excited to see what the future holds for Phi Sigma Kappa.

This year we witnessed the expansion of our brotherhood, and I am very confident that these new brothers will have a significant impact both on the GW community and the future of Lambda chapter. We have further strengthened our alumni connections and begun to take full advantage of this expansive network.

We have made a significant impact on the community through increased amounts of philanthropy and community service and made vast improvements to our historic house, the central point of our brotherhood.

As the year comes to a close, we must unfortunately say farewell to our graduating seniors, but we wish them the best of luck in the years to come. I am confident that the future holds great

things for our brotherhood and look forward to watching our fraternity continue to expand and work to better both ourselves and the surrounding community. Only time will tell what the future has in store for the brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa Lambda Chapter, but it is with utmost confidence that I say great things are on the way.

Sincerely,
Patrick M. Lylo

PIKAPPAALPHA

Once a Pike, Always a Pike



PIKE's seventh annual Fireman's Challenge was the fraternity's biggest philanthropy event of the year. Sororities competed against each other in skits, athletic tournaments and team-building challenges during the week-long event in order to raise money for the D.C. Firefighters Burn Foundation.

To my dear brothers of
Pi Kappa Alpha,

As I reflect upon my three years at George Washington, I can now say that joining Pike was the best decision of my college career. After rushing Pike in the spring of my freshman year, the trajectory of my college experience drastically changed. Instead of filling out transfer applications, I found myself pledging to join the most loving, outgoing, talented and ambitious brotherhood on this campus. Whether you are a current freshman or senior, you understand that this fraternity cultivates the most powerful friend-

ships that you will ever have in your life. For so many of us, Pike has been instrumental in developing our maturity, emotional intelligence and intellectual capacity, because a true Pike—a true best friend—will constantly challenge and support you.

Thanks to our seniors, and those who came before them, these notions have become second nature. To all of you who are graduating, I want to sincerely thank you for all you have done. You are the brothers that made this chapter into what it is today and taught each and every one of us to always aim higher, work harder and be better. The count-

less awards that our chapter has won over the past four years reflect your passion for Delta Alpha, but they do not explain the whole picture. All the money we have raised for Fireman's Challenge, all the Pikus cups we have won, all of the hours we have spent serving the community, all of our Smythe awards and our Chapter of the Year award would mean nothing without the brotherly love that characterizes our chapter.

You have left our chapter in good hands, and we promise to carry the torch of Delta Alpha into the future. The same passion that fueled this brotherhood for the last four

years exists today. Our newest members bleed garnet and gold, their excitement is contagious and the future is bright. I am proud to wear the letters of Pi Kappa Alpha on my chest because of you all, because I know that my brothers are the best men on this campus and are constantly striving to be better.

I love each and every one of you and thank you all for everything you have given to me and this chapter. We are incredibly lucky to have each other and I cannot wait to see where Delta Alpha will go in the future.

Your brother,
John McBride

PIKAPPAPHI

Nothing shall ever tear us asunder



Brothers Matthew Calardo, John Chambers and Adam Cella planned to bike across the country during the summer of 2011 to raise money for people with disabilities and support Push America.



The chapter held Pie a Pi Kapp every semester to raise money for Push America.

What a year it has been. When I take a step back to think about all of the things we have accomplished in the past year and what is in store for the future, I simply can't believe it. Whether it was watching Pi Kapp succeed on the sports field, in the classroom, or in philanthropy, you boys have truly made me proud to serve y'all. Without the help of Elan, Dave and the rest of our advisers, we could not have accomplished all of this. Our brotherhood is stronger than ever and is only improving as each day passes.

Seniors: to you I am

eternally grateful for your guidance and wisdom, as well as continued respect throughout. To the younger guys: a world of potential awaits all of you. Pi Kappa Phi here at GW has changed my life and touched the lives of many others. What we have here at Theta Zeta is something special, something to be cherished, something worth fighting for and is what motivated me to lead all of you during one of the best overall years of my life to this point. Thanks for everything, guys. I am truly honored to call you my brothers.

- Christopher Rossi

SIGMACHI

In hoc signo vinces



SIGMANU

Love, honor, truth



The brothers of Sigma Nu visited their national headquarters in Lexington, Va.



Sigma Nu supported the women of Lambda Pi Chi during their spring Founders Day celebration.

SIGMAPHI EPSILON

Building balanced men



Brothers of SigEp volunteered in Marvin Gaye Park in the fall. They helped transform the area once known as Needle Park to a place where children could play.

Dear **SigEp**,

It seems like just yesterday that I became your president, but boy has it been a year. While I am still not sure how being president made it OK for some of you to wake me up at 4 a.m. because you couldn't figure out how to work Blackboard, I have enjoyed every second of my term. We did everything from cleaning parks to fund raising thousands of dollars to braving snowpocalypse to attend leadership seminars, and it was all amazingly fun. I am going to miss our impromptu Sunday morning executive committee meetings at Founding Farmers and for some reason I am going to miss the 50 e-mails that I received per hour, but I am also going to enjoy passing the reins and finally catching up on some sleep. I hope that y'all look back on the year we had together with pride and that one day you miss me using the word "y'all" in letters and e-mails. Be easy on the next guy until he gets the hang of it, and remember that I will always be around.

Nick



Sigma Phi Epsilon participated in Sigma Kappa's annual philanthropy event, Ultra-Violet Days, and placed first. Proceeds supported the Sigma Kappa Foundation and Alzheimer's disease research.

TAUKAPPAEPSILON

Not for wealth, rank or honor, but for personal worth and character



TKE brothers worked with Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans to help build Musicians' Village, an area that provided local musicians the opportunity to own a home in a thriving community.

THETA DELTA CHI

Our hearts are united



Four Theta Delta Chi brothers volunteered at the 2010 Walk Now for Autism Speaks Walk on Nov. 6.

During the past year, Theta Delta Chi at GW has experienced a relative amount of success. By participating in and winning numerous intramural sports, raising money for philanthropic causes and actively promoting Greek Life on campus, its brothers have grown closer and have established lifelong bonds.

In addition, the brothers of the Chi Deuteron Charge of the Theta Delta Chi International Fraternity would like to thank James McClare for his four years of service to the fraternity. He has been a great brother and a great friend to all of the members! We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Alexander Seher
President, Theta Delta Chi



The brothers of Theta Delta Chi hosted a charity bake sale in Kogan Plaza.

ZETABETATAU

A powerhouse of excellence



ZBT brothers rolled a giant beach ball around campus for three days in search of signatures from students and faculty members. They hoped that each person who signed the ball would give a small donation to benefit their national philanthropy, the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

This past year has been extremely exciting and rewarding for the brothers of Zeta Beta Tau. Our new house on campus enhanced the chapter in many ways and is a tangible sign of the hard work and dedication of each brother.

As president, my main goal was to oversee the growth of

the chapter and to ensure it remains a mainstay on campus for many years to come. Looking back on 2010-2011, I am very confident that this goal has been achieved. All of the successes and fun times would not have been possible without the help of many people. On behalf of ZBT, I would like to

thank the executive board, advisers, national staff and university administrators. The chapter is grateful for your support and assistance.

This past year has been filled with many accomplishments of which I am extremely proud. The opportunity to serve as chapter president was

life-changing and gratifying for me. I am extremely thankful for the opportunity and I look forward to seeing the Phi Alpha Alpha chapter continue to grow and prosper in the future.

It's great to be a ZBT.

Michael Siroka
President

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

By culture and by merit



ALPHAPHIALPHA

First of all, servants of all, we shall transcend all



Alpha Phi Alpha participated in a national day of community service at the MLK Library on Martin Luther King Day.



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.'s Nu Beta Chapter co-hosted a Money Talks: Establishing Financial Literacy forum with Bank of America's private wealth manager Willie Tate. The forum explored the secrets of the financially savvy and taught students how to make money work in their favor.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Nu Beta Chapter was chartered on Sun., May 22, 1977 on the campus of American University in Washington, D.C. by 15 intelligent men we refer to as Black Genesis. Black Genesis entered the realm of Alpha on a campus not much unlike our Founders, also known as the Jewels at Cornell University on Dec. 4, 1906. Since its inception, the Nu Beta Chapter has spread to the campuses of the Catholic University of America, Georgetown University and the George Washington University.

To this end, the Nu Beta Chapter has enthusiastically committed itself to "think Alpha Phi Alpha, talk Alpha Phi Alpha, promote Alpha Phi Alpha and labor for the broad principles of idealism for which Alpha Phi Alpha was created, so that humanity shall look on us as a body worthwhile."

Best,
Meshach

DELTA SIGMA THETA

Intelligence is the torch of wisdom



Delta Sigma Theta sisters volunteered with We are Family D.C., an organization that brought services and companionship to the homes of the elderly while helping to build friendships across boundaries of race and age.

Dearest Mu Beta,

This year has been quite an exciting one for us. We were relentless and unstoppable in our quest to be successful. The six of us really "set it owt" and I've never seen Mu Beta do such progressive and innovative programming. I am really proud of you all and am glad we got a chance to work together and show everyone we can make a difference no matter how small the chapter may be. Trial by F.I.R.E.– you have been a crucial asset to our Mu Beta family and I wish you all the best of luck for many years to come. I also want to thank our amazing advisers for their support, time and effort, making sure we were flawless in all our endeavors. With such a strong foundation throughout the years, I have no doubts the outstanding Mu Beta legacy will continue on forever.

This past year, Legendary and Trial by F.I.R.E. really solidified the fact that the Deltas' Run the Yard! And make sure to never let anyone forget exactly what a Delta is!

As the World Turns,
Taj Pannell
3MBSP09



The Mu Beta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated and the Nu Beta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated co-hosted a Brother2Sister dialogue that discussed issues surrounding alcohol on the college scene and how it affected relationships.

LAMBDAPICHI

La hermandad nunca termina



The sisters of Lambda Pi Chi participated in the Hispanic Women of Excellence event in the Marvin Center.



Every president remembers the sleepless nights, the endless meetings and all the times she wished it was over. Then you think about your amazing sisterhood and you realize that it is all worth it. It was an amazing year of growth for my chapter. We welcomed four amazing women who make me smile every day and provide me with new energy to keep me going. To Ijñahre, Tiwalis, Kyçiomé and Níalórib- welcome to our hermandad. I love you oh so fly women.

To the GW community- thank you for all your support. Our Greek family is like no other and it has provided amazing memories that I will always remember. As I prepare to graduate in May, I can say that going Greek was the best decision I ever made.

To my chapter- I know that you will continue to do amazing things and impact the GW community in the same way that we have been doing for the past 13 years. You women are going to do an amazing job and I couldn't be prouder to call you my hermanas. So continue to be the wonderful women that you are and show GWU what Pi Chis are all about.

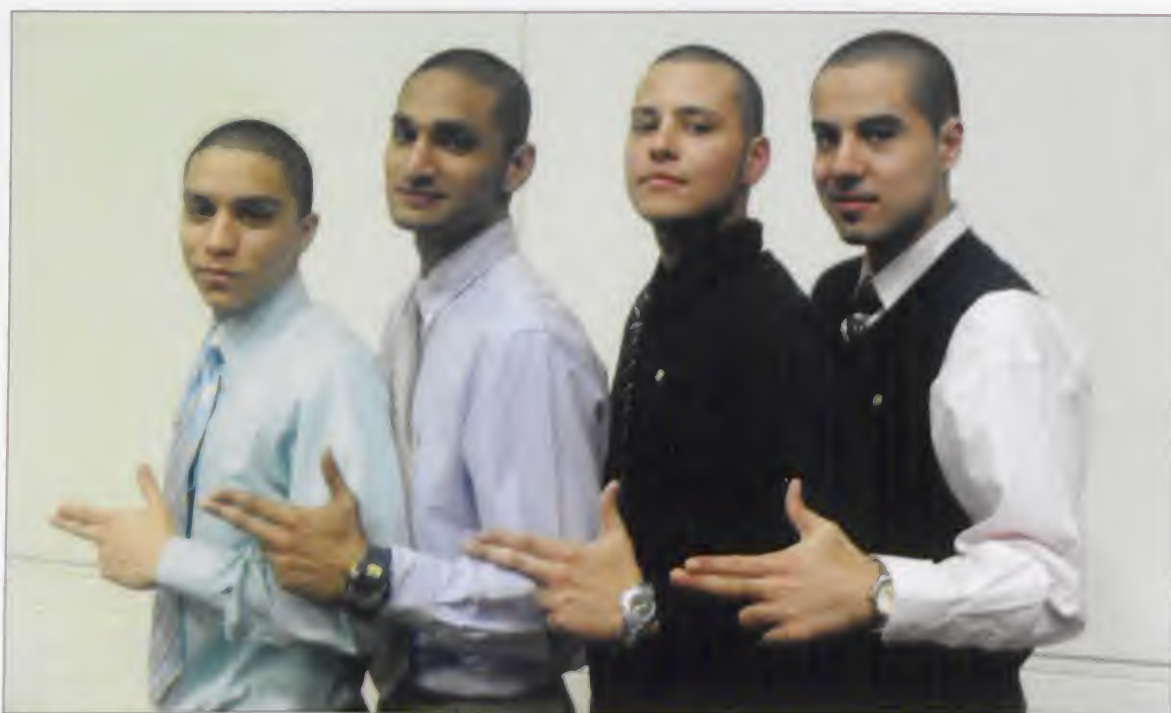
La Hermandad Nunca Termina,
Vicktery "Yiamarri" Sanchez

LAMBDA UPSILON LAMBDA

La unidad para siempre



The members of Lambda Upsilon Lambda celebrated the anniversary of the Chi chapter's founding with a tradition known as Noche Dorada, or The Golden Night.



Noche Dorada was a semi-formal event that commemorated Latino culture, the resilience of Latinos in the face of adversity and the role of La Unidad Latina within both.

KAPPAPHILAMBDA

Sisterhood, service and cultural diversity



Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. after walking back to campus from a sisterhood event in Georgetown.



Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. won first place in the 2011 sixth Annual Cultural Cook-Off hosted by Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc. and Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.

To my classy Sisters of **Kappa Phi Lambda** Sorority, Inc.

This year has been a great accomplishment for us and we have truly shown what Kappa is about. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. I am so proud of how far we have come and I know you girls will continue to keep building a stronger sisterhood. Keep aiming for the best and stay loud and proud girls! I love all of you and I am so grateful to call each and everyone one of you my Sisters.

Love,

Krista Bacungan

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be**strong**



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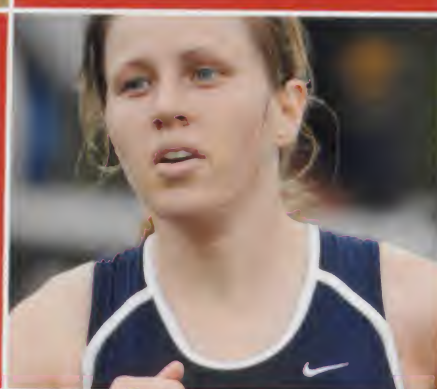
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ROCK THIS HOUSE



Spirit groups pumped up team pride at Colonials Invasion

Colonials Invasion kicked off with a performance from the GW mascots. The crowd broke out in laughter as Little George and Big George showed off their moves on the dance floor and the Hippo shook his tail. Strobe lights and fog prompted the crowd to cheer louder as the big show began. The event was hosted by junior basketball players Aaron Ware and Sara Mostafa.

"I can promise you our women's and men's teams will put on a show like you've never seen before," Ware shouted to the crowd of fans.

The hosts introduced "GW Cribs", a video tour of the Smith Center renovations, along with highlight videos from past seasons. The Colonials Invasion 2010 theme was "Rock This House" and the Colonial Army was determined to hype up the crowd with handouts of Colonial Army T-shirts and their new colonial hats for the loudest fans.

"We need to stand a thousand strong at each and every game this year," members of the Colonial Army executive board told the crowd.

The men's and women's basketball teams were introduced, along with men's head coach Karl Hobbs and women's head coach Mike Bozeman. Each coach gave a speech about their goals for the season.

"We guarantee we will give you every piece of effort we have," Bozeman said.

Both teams then performed a choreographed dance. The men's team, dressed in suits with red ties and vests, paired up with the First Ladies Dance team, while the women's team wore shirts that lit up with the GW logo and used glow sticks as props.

"I hope we play as well as we dance," Hobbs said.

Entertainment for Colonials Invasion included the GW Spirit Program, Capital Funk and the First Ladies Dance Team. The finale was a performance by the Chicago Bucket Boys, a group of street performers who played buckets with drum sticks.

"I enjoyed this one just as much as the other three," senior Colonial Army member Taj Pannell said. "I played [basketball] in high school, so since I don't play in college, I've transferred all my energy into cheering for these games."

The teams accomplished their goal of creating a strong base of fan support as the cheers grew louder throughout the night in an effort to rock the Smith Center.





COLONIAL LOYALTY

Fans rallied support for the buff and blue

The GW Colonials were named D.C.'s Best College Team by the "Express Night Out" in October 2010, which gave the Colonial Army even more reason to rock the house. Armed with official T-shirts, water bottles and colonial hats, these dedicated GW fans

were found in the lowest section of the Smith Center seating at every home basketball game.

The Colonial Army had 900 members at the beginning of the 2010 school year and hoped to have 1000 by the start of the basketball season.

"We want to build spirit, so we have stepped up our publicity this year, as well as our customer service," membership chair Courtney Oddman said. "We are trying to get more students to come to the games."

On Oct. 22, Colonial Army held the



first annual Buff and Blue Game, an intra-squad scrimmage that was a first look at the men's basketball team. The event was exclusive to Colonial Army members and ticketholders. The official T-shirts, water bottles and free food were offered at the game.

"We wanted people to ask why there was a long line outside the Smith Center," president Ailey Imber said. "Over 50

people signed up that day."

The Colonial Army wanted to get more students to attend the women's basketball games, so a new group was established to recruit fans for the women's team. The members also hoped to target the junior and senior student demographic because they felt that GW lacked spirit from these older groups. They organized six tailgates, which were sponsored by FoBoGro and

provided free beer and food before games.

"We listened to what our members wanted from last year and they asked for more events," Oddman said.

The members hoped for winning seasons from both teams and looked forward to an impact by the new freshmen.

"With a winning team, GW can unite and be spirited," vice president Andrew Hanks said.

DIAMOND DAYS

Life on the mound

The 2011 GW baseball program pinned its hopes on three talented freshmen who were expected to have an immediate impact on the pitching staff—Owen Beightol, Taylor Lambke and Colin Milon.

"This team is put together a little differently than our recent GW squads," seventh-year head coach Steve Mrowka said. "We are going to have more pitching depth to go along with a solid defense. The offense will continue to focus on the short game, but an increase in power is expected."

The Colonials graduated nine seniors, including the entire starting infield and two-thirds of the starting rotation, and two players who were drafted by the Kansas City Royals.

On March 2 in their home opener against Georgetown, the team lost 12-7.

After losing seven straight games, senior starter Tommy Gately surrendered only one run and four hits against UMBC on March 10.

"The weather definitely had something to do with it, but I usually do really like to work quick,"

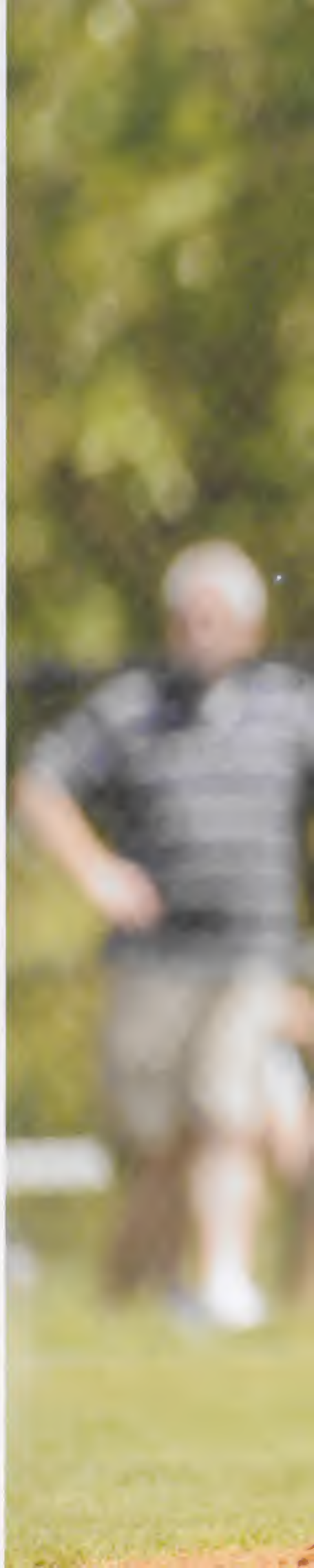
Gately said. "I knew this team, we've pitched against them before. A big mentality is, they're kind of free-swingers, so I knew I had to get ahead and stay ahead the whole game."

In the regular season, GW ended with a 3-2 victory over Temple on May 21.

Senior Brendon Kelliher was named to the A-10 All-Conference First Team. Kelliher concluded the 2011 regular season as the A-10 leader in home runs with 15 and second in total bases (136).

On June 7 redshirt-senior pitcher Bobby Lucas Jr. was chosen by the Washington Nationals in the 27th round of the Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft. Lucas's selection marked the 12th consecutive year that a GW baseball player had been selected in the draft. Lucas finished the regular season as the A-10 Conference leader with 95 strikeouts. He also finished the season ranked fourth in Division I with 11.92 strikeouts per nine innings.

The Colonials finished 19-36 overall.





A NEW LINEUP

New softball coach added to the program

The women's softball team faced the most significant change to the roster in 2011 with the addition of new head coach Stacey Schramm. They returned seven of nine everyday starters and added four players to the season's squad.

The Colonials relied on junior Kara Clauss to be the team's ace with her pitching abilities.

"She always did her job on the mound and, unfortunately either we were not able to give her run support or we were not able to give her defense support," Schramm said. "We are really looking forward to building around her for her senior year."

The team also returned every starter on the infield, led by se-

nior co-captain Katie Terrazas at shortstop.

"My last season was a growing and adjusting year, but I think that it was important in re-affirming our confidence in ourselves and our teammates so that we can take the next step to turn this program around," MVP Terrazas said. "We were way more competitive than we have been in the past and it was a really fun season."

Freshman outfielder Chelsea Lenhart proved to be the team's best hitter. She hit lead off for the team and was a tough hitter to get out.

The Colonials came from behind for the win against St. Bonaventure on Mar. 19. The

doubleheader was a defining moment for the team and for the rest of the conference.

"With an early sweep of the Bonnies, we were able to send a message that we are better than what was expected," Schramm said. "More importantly, the team realized that we are better than what they expected."

The team split a doubleheader and fell 5-4 to La Salle in the second game to wrap up the 2011 season.

"Our season was an improvement from last year, although it is still very clear we have many steps to take before becoming a top team in the A-10," Schramm said. "There won't be any more question marks next year."



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CROSSING THE LINE

Injuries kept the men's cross country team from conference goals

The roster size of the men's team was small for the 2010 fall season, so depth was the primary concern for the squad. The coaching staff dedicated more time to each individual runner to help them reach their potential.

"Coach Beil does a ton to help improve the team, but I think the biggest impact he has is through his commitment," sophomore David McCutcheon said.

A few of the runners came into the season nursing injuries from the summer months. One of the team's top recruits, freshman Jake Levine, fractured his femur during the winter of his senior year of high school. The other top recruit, freshman James Stern, started the season recovering from illness. Coach Brian Beil changed

the intensity of training to protect the smaller team from further injuries.

"It's a brutal and unforgiving sport, so we do our best as a program to not push the training too hard so we can keep most of the runners healthy throughout the year," Beil said.

Though the team suffered injuries, all of the men reached new personal best times for the 8K during the season.

The team was much younger than it had been in previous seasons and had less experience running together because their injuries occurred at different times.

"I know that had we been able to put them all together on the same day, we would have had a very good team," Beil said.

The men's team set a goal

to improve their performance from the previous season.

"I think we were poised to that, but a few key injuries in the middle of the season set us back tremendously and we were forced to run a somewhat short-handed squad at the A-10 championships [on Oct. 30]," McCutcheon said.

The team lost only one senior, Zach Borenstein, for the 2011 fall season. Borenstein's biggest personal accomplishment was his improved 2008 time at the Paul Short Invitational on Oct. 2 by almost two minutes.

Coach Beil looked forward to the future and expected the core group of McCutcheon, Alex Dadds, Stern, Levine and Daniel Kleine to lead the team in the 2011 fall season.



WORK HARD, RUN FAST

A united pack produced new personal best times

The women's cross country team was a close-knit group in 2010 as they added only one new runner to their squad.

"The great thing about being captain this year was that my teammates were my best friends, so it wasn't hard for us all to want to work hard and run fast together," captain Jessica Stern said.

The team had bad luck with injuries for two key runners, which hurt the team score and its chance for success in the conference. Stern and her sister, sophomore Juliana, both dealt with injury problems during the pre-season summer months.

"As a distance runner it's crucial

to be able to get in a lot of mileage leading up to the cross country season," head coach Brian Beil said.

Although Jessica recovered from her Achilles tendon injury, she was unable to make up for the missed time over the summer in order to reach her goals for the season. The team became even smaller after Juliana was forced to miss the 2010 season because of her injury.

Beil lightened the training schedule so the small roster could avoid untimely injuries.

Despite the small group, almost every runner achieved new personal best times.

"As a team, I think that although we were really small this year, we

were the most united and supportive of each other that we have ever been," Jessica said.

The team aimed to bring in the largest recruiting class ever in 2011 to help with the depth of the team.

The women's team was led by senior Megan Hogan who went on to become two-time Conference Champion, three-time All-Conference, two-time A-10 Cross Country Student-Athlete of the Year, two-time All Mid Atlantic Region and three-time NCAA Nationals qualifier.

Hogan concluded her season with an eighth-place finish at the NCAA Cross Country Championships on Nov. 22 in Terre Haute, Ind.





BOATS AND BRAWN

Men's rowing boasted a strong team of young athletes

The 2011 men's rowing team featured big and strong underclassmen with tremendous potential. The team was dominated by freshmen and sophomores.

"With freshmen and sophomores composing nearly three-fourths of the team this season, the team struggled early with composure in races and the typical growing pains," team MVP Craig Helmsetter said.

After four months of competition in the winter season, the team raced in the two-day GW Invitational Regatta on April 9 and 10.

Second-year head coach Mark Davis increased the volume and intensity of the

program, focusing on technique and overall fitness of the athletes.

"Coach Davis has been able to steadily improve the speed of the program, leaving us primed to take advantage of upcoming race opportunities and races for many seasons to come," senior Helmsetter said.

The program's growth occurred simultaneously with the inaugural Potomac Challenge Cup, which featured international entries from Oxford and Brock Universities. The Colonials lost by .2 seconds in the petite final against Canada's Brock University.

"The season was full of steady improvements from all boats,"

Helmsetter said. "The team learned quickly and had some of its best practices and races late in the season, peaking just in time for the league championships."

On May 15 at the Eastern Sprints, the men's 2nd Varsity 8 finished first against Holy Cross by .268 seconds. The men's Varsity 8 finished in third place, nine seconds behind first place University of Pennsylvania and second place Northeastern.

"The lack of experience hurt the team, but not necessarily the young rowers," Davis said. "I have freshmen that have years more racing experience than my seniors."



A NEW FOUNDATION

Women's rowing capitalized on talent of first recruited class

The women's rowing team started the season with new beginnings and huge transitions. The varsity went from being a senior-dominated crew made up of walk-on rowers who started rowing their freshman year to a freshman-dominated varsity boat, packed full of members from the pro-

gram's first ever recruited class.

"We were able to match our sixth place team finish at A-10's from last year with a very young Varsity boat," coach Eric Carcich said. "This bodes well for the future as these young athletes develop over the next three years."

The team matched their sixth place team finish at A-10's with a young varsity boat from the previous year. The team's strength, however, was also its weakness.

"With youth, you have lots of positive energy with no preconceived expectations," Carcich said. "With youth,



you deal with inconsistency.”

In the Inaugural Potomac Cup on April 10, the women's varsity 8 lost to Navy by 1.1 seconds.

At the A-10 Championships on April 14, the women's rowing team entered four events: the varsity 8, second varsity 8, varsity 4, and 4B. They won the Varsity 4 and Varsity 8 Petit Finals at the 16th annual A-10 Women's Rowing Championships. The Colonials placed

sixth in the nine-team event with 24 points.

On May 1 at the 2011 Eastern College Athletic Conference Mid Atlantic/New England Regional Rowing Championships, the women's rowing team won the silver medal in the Second Varsity 8 with a time of 7:13.52.

“We were able to better our finish at the historic Eastern Sprints Championships,” Carcich said. “This year marks

the end of an era with the Sprints officially coming to an end.”

The Automatic Qualifier was around the corner, which ended the oldest women's regatta in the world and made room for Conference Championships on the weekend before Selection Monday.

On May 15, the Colonials tallied 52 total points and finished in 15th place at the Eastern Association of Women's Rowing Colleges Eastern Sprints.

BUMP, SET, SPIKE!

GW Volleyball fell
short of the A-10
championship
tournament

The GW women's volleyball team consisted of young players with dedicated practice techniques. The team was made up of mostly freshmen and sophomores, but also boasted strong upperclassman experience.

Senior captain Katie Zulandt and sophomore Lauren Whyte

were both named to the A-10 All-Conference Second team.

"It was an honor to be recognized as an All-Conference player," Zulandt said. "Being selected alongside Lauren made it even more meaningful."

Zulandt's defensive play helped start the season off with a positive outlook. She



made 90 blocks in total, despite an injury at the end of the season.

"Katie Zulandt had one of the best senior years for a middle hitter in the history of GW volleyball," coach Jojit Coronel said.

After Zulandt was injured, the rest of the team stepped up

its game.

"Candace Silva-Martin became our rock in ball control and senior Hannah Stuart stepped up and played a great match defensively versus St. Louis and Xavier," Coronel said.

The defining match of the season was the five-game match at Fordham on Oct. 9

when the team won 19-17. The team gave up a big lead in game five.

"We were resilient, tough and brave," Coronel said.

In the final match of the season on Nov. 14, the Colonials lost to Xavier, which placed GW in seventh place in the A-10 Conference. Only the top six

teams qualified for the championship tournament.

"In retrospect, this year's team consisted of very good volleyball players who were young, inexperienced and athletic," Coronel said.

The season ended with an overall record of 17-15 and 6-9 in the A-10 Conference.





PAIN AND PROGRESS

Men's soccer coach George Lidster described the 2010 season as a challenging one, with only two seniors on the team and a class of ten freshmen. A combination of injuries and the young, inexperienced athletes prevented the team from reaching the Atlantic 10 tournament.

"Injuries had a major impact on the season with our two top goalkeepers being out for most of the season and one of our senior captains missing the second half of the season," Lidster said.

Goalkeeper Brendan Lafferty had to sit out a majority of the season after getting his second concussion. Backup

goalkeeper Devon Dubay was already injured, so defender Jake Davis found himself in goal for much of the season.

"It was a tough adjustment, but I wanted to help my team out in any way possible, even if it meant playing a position I had little experience at," Davis said.



Out went the old, in came the new

Since 11 seniors had graduated the previous May, the team was a youthful group that included ten freshmen for the 2010 season.

"There were many positives with the freshmen getting valuable playing experience," Lidster said. "The new team developed a good chemistry and a great

fighting spirit."

Striker Seth Rudolph said the team came together throughout the season and showed their strength at the Colonials' last game against Saint Joseph's on Nov. 7. During the game, Rudolph tallied his second hat trick of the season. He was named to the A-10 All-Conference Second

Team and scored ten goals in the 2010 season.

"This season was one to learn from and our team hopes to improve for the future," Rudolph said.

The Colonials finished their season 3-15-0 overall and 1-8-0 in the A-10 Conference.

AWARD-WINNING GOALS

Women's soccer worked for recognition

Although the women's soccer team did not make it to the A-10 tournament in 2010, the team and its individual players were awarded many honors. Senior midfielder Kristen Slack was named to the 2010-2011 College Sports Information Directors of America/ESPN Academic All-District 2 second team, while senior Jillian Morgan was named to the All-Conference Second Team and freshman Alex Neal was named to the All-Rookie squad. As a team, GW women's soccer earned the 2010 National Soccer Coaches Association of American College Team Academic award.

Morgan moved positions from midfielder to defender at the start of the season.

"I actually feel that center-back is my most natural position and the one where I have the most fun, so moving from midfielder back to defender was quite an easy transition for me," Morgan said.

Morgan proved herself to the A-10 Conference.

"I am extremely proud of Jillian Morgan, who earned the respect of the A-10 coaches and was named to the All Conference team," 11th-year head coach Tanya Vogel said.

Morgan was also voted MVP by her teammates.

The defining games of the season were versus Drexel and Delaware. The Colonials beat Drexel

3-1 on Sept. 17 and Neal scored the game-winning goal for a 2-1 win against Delaware on Sept. 19. Beating two CAA opponents kicked off a seven game winning streak and gave the team a lot of confidence. The winning streak ended after losing 1-0 to Charlotte on Oct. 15.

Older teammates—eight seniors and two graduate students—had a big impact on the season. These senior members provided leadership and direction. "Not only did they show everything that it takes to be successful on the field, but they also provided support off the field," forward Claire Haft said.

The younger faces of the team set goals for themselves.

"As a forward, my biggest challenge was capitalizing on the opportunities I had to score," Haft said.

Although the team did not make it to the A-10 tournament, the multiple recognitions they received motivated them to train harder for the 2011 season.

"We are all disappointed in how the season ended, but now that we can reflect on the season as a whole, we believe we got better as a program and look forward to our 2011 fall season when we are able to win more Atlantic 10 Conference games," Vogel said.

The season finished overall 9-9-0 and 3-6-0 in the A-10.







BIG SHOTS

Men's basketball worked to overcome offensive problems



The men's basketball team was consistent, scored points and won games, but ultimately the squad's problems on the offensive court stopped its season short.

Sophomore Lasan Kromah suffered from a foot injury at the beginning of the season. The top-returning scorer from the previous season was out indefinitely from this injury, which he sustained on Oct. 30. The Colonials also suffered without senior center Jabari Edwards for a month while he was out for knee surgery.

In the opening game of the season on Nov. 16, the Colonials fell to Boston University. The loss broke a streak of five straight season-opening victories for the team. They had trouble scoring early, especially without leading scorer Kromah.

However, in the second game of the season, the Colonials redeemed themselves and defeated Marist 79-59. The win gave 10th year head coach Karl Hobbs his 150th career victory in a second-round game of the 2010 Dick's Sporting Goods NIT Season Tip-Off on Nov. 17. Taylor led the players with a career-high 23 points. GW then hosted the consolation-round game of the Tip-Off on Nov. 22. The team lost to Hampton in the final game of the Tip-Off.

"At the defensive end, we were pretty aggressive," Johnson said. "But on offense, we executed well, our shots were there, we just didn't hit them."

After losing the next two games, the Colonials identified their problem as shooting struggles.

"We've been struggling pretty much all year shooting the ball," Hobbs said. "I think as a team we shoot around 30 percent. I thought that we had a chance to turn the momentum around and we just struggled making shots."

The team was also forced to find a way to make up for Kromah's absence.

"At the end of the day, when you stop a team that has 14 possessions and they only score five points, we have to find a way to capitalize on that," Hobbs said. "Every night a different guy will have to step up."

Sophomore Dwayne Smith took on a

shooting and rebounding role in order to help the team's efforts.

"After the losses, we just got together and made sure we knew what we could improve on," Smith said. "We just stuck together and never got down on each other." The Colonials won their season-high fourth straight game against Saint Joseph's University on Jan. 1, following wins against La Salle, Howard, Holy Cross and East Carolina. Sophomore Bryan Byne matched his career-high 13 points and hit all three of his three-point attempts against Saint Joseph's.

The team then won their fifth straight match-up against Fordham on Jan. 11.

"Our stops have been helping us get a lot of easy baskets and giving guys better looks," Taylor said. "We're moving the ball more and doing the extra pass so we can get that nice shot fade. But it's a matter of us hitting more shots when we're open."

In the first round of the A-10 Tournament, the Colonials faced Saint Joseph's for the second time. On May 8, Saint Joseph's pulled off one of the biggest upsets in A-10 Tournament history with a 71-59 overtime victory. The fifth-seeded Colonials succeeded in fighting back during the second half with an aggressive defense, but their energy did not follow them into overtime.

"I think the whole team was fatigued by that point," Hobbs said. "We exerted so much energy. We put the ball in [Tony's] hands and he did a great job making some good plays to put us in position to win the game."

The emotional game took a lot of physical exertion.

"We obviously expended a great deal of energy to put ourselves in position to win the game at the end," Hobbs said. "We had one costly turnover that led to an easy basket by them and it was an uphill battle from that point on."

Hobbs made a point for the men's team to remember this particular game.

"Coach told us to remember this game so that we'll work hard this off season and not be in this position next year," junior Aaron Ware said.

COURT ADVANTAGE

Women's basketball boasted offensive strategy

Some of the biggest news in women's basketball history occurred in Foggy Bottom during the 2010-2011 season. Junior Kye Allums became the first openly transgender male student-athlete to compete in the Colonials' Division I women's basketball program. On the court, however, players Danni Jackson, Tiana Meyers and Tara Booker defined the season. The trio were major offensive weapons.

"I'm really trying to get to the bucket as much as I can and get everyone involved," Jackson said. "I'm just trying to be aggressive and be the dominant player I once was and can be still."

In the opening round of the Best Buy Classic, the Colonials lost to Green Bay 75-51. This loss marked the first loss of a season-opener for the first time in five seasons.

In the home opener on Nov. 18, the women's team won their first game of the season against Coppin State 63-42. The Colonials were led by Allums' 12 points and 11 points from juniors Booker and Myers and sophomore Megan Nipe. The Colonials focused on gaining early advantage of full-court defensive pressure.

After opening a strong game against St. Bonaventure on Jan. 15, Jackson limped off the court at

half time, which left the Colonials without their starting guard for the second half of the game. Head coach Mike Bozeman was frustrated with the outcome of the game.

"We missed every kind of shot," Bozeman said. "We missed mid-range shots, we missed three-point shots, we missed layups, so that turns back to a lack of focus."

The loss was the Colonials' seventh-straight. This included the 60-50 loss against Rutgers in which junior center Sara Mostafa made a career-high 23 points.

The women posted their second straight victory over St. Louis following their game against Rhode Island. Booker led the team with 21-points for a 49-36 win.

While injuries plagued the team throughout the season, Bozeman attributed obstacles, as well as improvement, to the girls' attitude.

"We came out for one practice and didn't use the basketball for plays," Bozeman said. "It's not about the plays for us. It's about the mental approach to the game."

In the first round of the A-10 Championship, the fate of No. 11 seed GW again came down to the final possession. The loss against Dayton ended the season at 8-21.

*Hatchet Reporter Noah Cohen
contributed to this report.*







SQUASHING RECORDS

Men's squash moved up five spots in national rankings

The men's squash team began their season with 10 consecutive wins. They also recorded the biggest win in program history over 15th-ranked Bowdoin on Dec. 5.

On Feb. 5, the team fell 9-0 to Franklin and Marshall. Captain Mike Bower played his final home match against the Diplomats.

"[Mike] is so serious and so mature," head coach Wendy Lawrence said. "Sometimes our men have trouble focusing, but never Mike. He is always so

focused. He is one of our hardest workers."

The Colonials ended their regular season ranked 17th in the College Squash Association. They secured the top seed in the Summers Cup (C Division) and defeated Hamilton and Wesleyan before falling to Bowdoin in the championship.

The team concluded their season as the 18th-ranked team in the nation, their highest ever end of season ranking.

Sophomores Omar Sobhy and Islam El-Fiky represented

GW at the College Squash Association Individual Nationals at Dartmouth College on March 7.

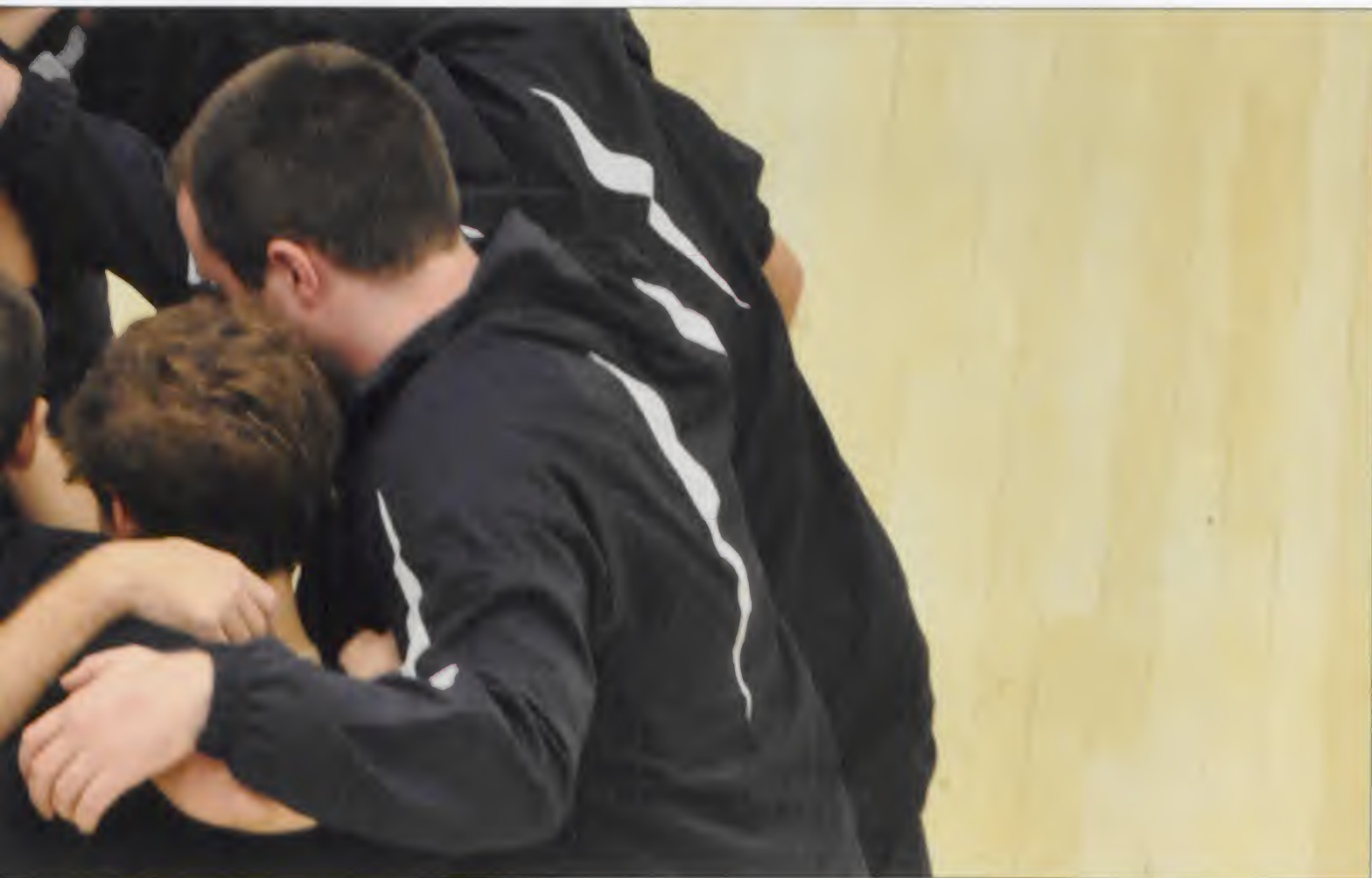
Sobhy entered the tournament as the 88th-ranked player in the CSA and won the Malloy Cup Championships and the individual championships. His accomplishments marked the first time a GW player had advanced past the second round of nationals. He finished with a ranking of No. 33 in the U.S.

Third year coach Lawrence

led the team to reach their goal of breaking into the top 20. She implemented extra practices to achieve this goal.

"I am really looking forward to next year like everyone else on the team," El-Fiky said. "We all worked really hard this year and are looking forward to reaching our highest goal, which is moving up to Group A at Nationals next year."

Hatchet reporter Jake Deitcher contributed to this report.



SQUASHING THE COMPETITION

Women's squash secured highest end-of-season ranking to date

The women's squash team was led by a new, yet familiar face for the 2011 season. Fifth-year men's squash head coach Wendy Lawrence took on the role of head coach for the women's team, as well.

Led by two seniors and two juniors, the team also gained valuable help from first-year assistant coach Jake Gross. Two recruits replaced each graduated senior.

On Feb. 5 against Franklin and Marshall, women's squash won its third match in a row after losing four straight matches at the beginning of January.

In the final game of the season against Brown on Feb. 13, the team played without two regulars, freshmen Jackie Shea and Jyung Min Kim, and lost 9-0.

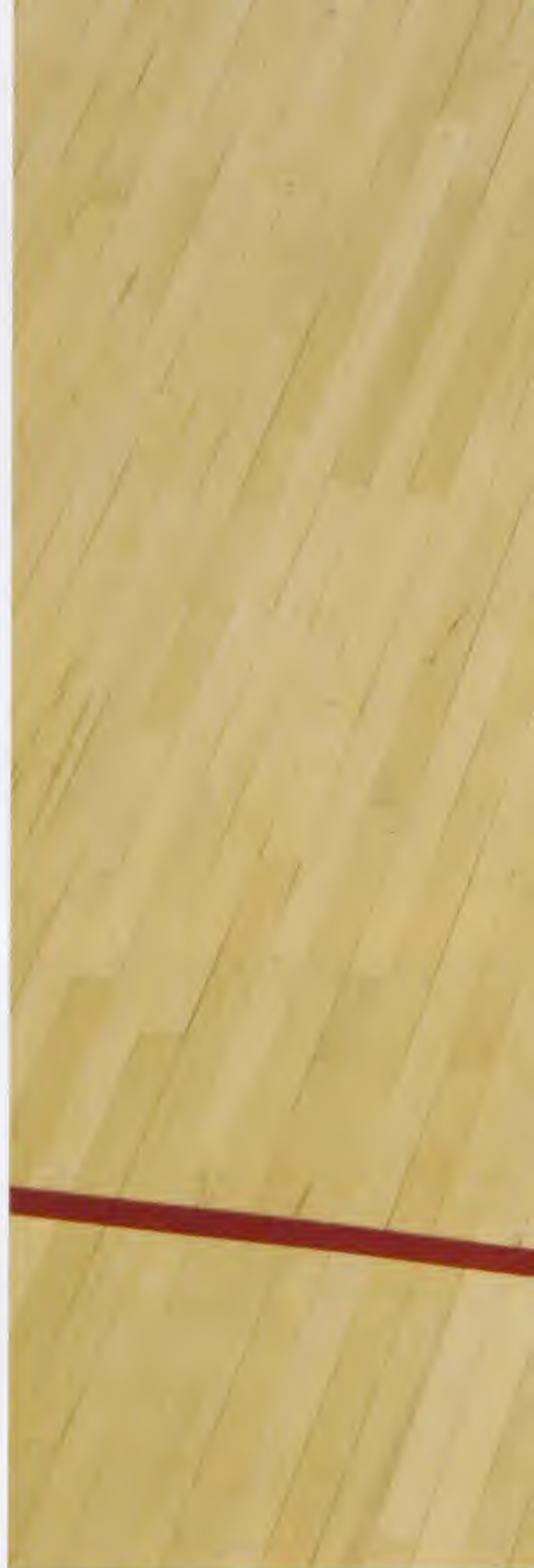
Because the Colonials were the 2010 Walker Cup Champions (C Division), they moved up to the Kurtz Cup (B Division) and were set to face No. 9 Brown in the first round of the College Squash Association Team Nationals on Feb. 18.

After losing to Brown in the opening match, GW moved to the consolation bracket and beat No. 14 Columbia 5-4. They secured the No. 15 ranking, the highest end-of-season ranking in program history.

Junior Caroline Shumway earned a five-set victory, followed by wins in straight sets from Kim and senior Eliza Ehrlich.


Shea and freshman Kelly Barnes were tied for the most individual victories in the season with 12 victories from the top ladder spot until Shea earned her 13th individual victory after Nationals.

The women's squash team finished the season 13-7.









SPRINGING INTO ACTION

Unity earned the Colonials fourth place in the A-10 Championship

The biggest strength of the men's swimming squad in 2011 was unity. This unity was not limited to the men's squad alone, but also included the women's team. The two squads practiced together and were always referred to as George Washington University swimming rather than the men's and women's teams.

"From a personal viewpoint, I would not have made it through certain practices or meets without my team," co-captain Niklas Glenesk said. "We all rely on each other, be it for help with school, swimming, injuries, or just being there for a teammate."

The Colonials kicked off the season on Oct. 1 at the Potomac Relays against D.C. rivals American and Catholic. The team had lost only one senior and added four freshmen, as well as a sophomore transfer. The squad was headlined by a strong class of sophomores with a tight group of freshman on their heels. Sophomore transfer Phillip Graeter made a quick impression in middle distance events.

Head coach and Co A-10 Men's Swimming Coach of the

Year Dan Rhinehart acknowledged that the swimmers were both students and athletes and understood that the first priority was the classroom.

"He [Rhinehart] also understood that we are leaders on campus by being student-athletes and gave us the responsibility to give our all, be it in the pool or in the classroom," Glenesk said.

Five swimmers on the men's team were named to the A-10 Commissioner's Honor Roll, which proved their hard work.

Proof of the team's work in the water came at the A-10 Championships on Feb. 23-26 when the men's squad took fourth out of seven teams, earning 223.5 points. Phillip Graeter, Marshall Seedorff, Alex Etz and Niccolo Wilson worked together to win the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:03.13.

"The A-10 Championships were almost a mirror of the regular season competitions," Rhinehart said. "We started strong, performed tough through the hard-training periods of the season in an uphill climb, and finished strong when it counted."

LITTLE FISH, BIG POND

Colonials took eighth in the A-10 Championships

The only three seniors on the women's swim team in 2011, co-captains Sarah Beggs and Noelle Miesfeld, along with team-record holder Paola Leor, led a group of 13 freshmen into the season.

"To the best of my ability I attempted to answer any questions they may have asked, or offered my support and help to them if they needed me," Leor said. "I have taken up a more 'lead by example' role when it came to our underclassmen since both of our women's captains did an excellent job of guiding our new freshmen through their first season."

Leor broke her own GW record in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 50.55 at the George Mason Patriot Invitational on Nov. 21. She also broke three GW records in the 200-yard individual medley, the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly individual medley at the A-10 Championships.

Coach Dan Rhinehart, in his 12th year of coaching, motivated the Colonials to breach their previous tenth place finish at the previous season's A-10 Championships.

"It was exciting to have 13 new freshmen, but at the same

time, it was 13 people on a learning curve," coach Rhinehart said.

He also added two assistant coaches, Shea Manning and Lauren Fuchs, to the swimming program to help coach the men's and women's squads.

"Dan is an amazing coach," freshman Caroline Meyers said. "He makes time for each individual swimmer on a team of over 40. He brought a great attitude to the pool deck everyday and made me want to be the best I can be."

Meyers broke GW's program record in the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 4:28.85 at the A-10 Championships. Meyers, along with Sydney Saunders and Sloan Saunders posted top times in each event they swam this season.

The honors continued when five swimmers on the women's squad were named to the A-10 Commission's Honor Roll.

"They wrapped up the season with five new individual and three relay records, and moved up the ladder at A-10s," Rhinehart said.

In the A-10 Championships on Feb. 23-26, the Colonials took eighth out of ten teams with 218.5 points.



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SQUAD OF ACES

Men's tennis hit their way to the NCAA Championships

The 2011 men's tennis team returned four A-10 All Conference players from the previous seasons. These returning headliners included Erik Hannah, Christopher Kushma, Ugur Atalay and Yan Levin-ski. In addition to these powerhouse veterans, new players Alex van Gil, Viktor Svensson and Ulrik Thomsen were expected to be the backbone of the team. Freshman Svensson finished 13-5 in doubles and 24-7 in singles.

Fifth-year head coach Greg Munoz put personal goals high on the priority list for his student-athletes. He believed that a team was stronger for the improvements of one member.

"As long as you played hard in practice, he would be reasonable with you and gave you the balance you needed to be a successful student-athlete," senior Hannah said. "We all wanted to work hard for him because he worked hard for us."

On the final day of the 2011 A-10 Conference Men's Tennis Championships, the Colonials beat defending league champion Xavier, 4-0.

"After working hard for the whole year, we were confident we were going to win A-10s because we felt we put more effort in than every other team," Hannah said.

By winning conference, the team received an automatic bid into the NCAA Championships.

"I thought we should have finished top 75 this year, but we had some tough 4-3 losses," Munoz said. "The good news is we finally won conference and our new recruits will make a huge difference in those tight matches."

The Colonials made their first ever NCAA Championships appearance after capturing its first A-10 Conference title since 1979.

"Making history was an amazing feeling," Munoz said. "We were proud to have brought this title back home to GW."

They lost to Duke in the first round of the NCAA Championships May 13 in Durham, N.C.

"Next year we will strive to make it to the NCAA by our national ranking (top-40) and not just by winning conference," Munoz said.



DOUBLE THE POINTS

Women's tennis finished the season with double-digit wins

Co-captains Jennifer Hirsch and Jacqueline Corba headlined seven returners and three newcomers on the 2011 women's tennis squad.

"As a team, we worked really hard in both practice and matches in pursuit of our goals and I think our hard work ethic provided us with confidence when it came to facing our bigger opponents and when we were in tougher situations," Corba said.

The team earned a 15-9 overall dual-match record versus last year's 11-11 record. Their consistent performance in dual matches was symbolic of the team's overall strategy. Their two conference losses were to Richmond and Temple.

"These tournament losses occurred without our number-one player who had injured herself early in the tournament," coach Dawn Buth said.

The Colonials' weakness was doubles, where they struggled to get points in some matches.

"We worked on these problems through specific drills and with patterned point play," Corba said. "These

drills helped me step into the court more, to take away time from my opponents."

Team MVP Mimi Hamling had the distinction of leading the team in nearly every team statistic. Hamling had the highest winning percentage on the team in both singles and doubles and had five wins and one loss in Conference play.

"Mimi approached every practice with intensity and purpose, her work ethic was impeccable, she never made excuses and she was an unwavering team player," Buth said. "These are the types of leaders we want in our athletic and in our public communities."

The Colonials wrapped up the season with a 12-7 spring season record, the second consecutive season with a double-digit win total. They finished fourth at the 2011 A-10 Championships on April 1.

"The program is improving tremendously with each season and this is due to the culture of positivity, strong work ethic and mental toughness that our athletes embody," Buth said.

MAKING WAVES

Men's water polo gained experience

The men's water polo team went into the 2011 season with just one senior leading with his experience. The rest of the Colonials' roster consisted of freshmen and sophomores, which made for a young team.

"It was a season of a lot of rookie mistakes, but by the end of the year the team was playing a lot of mistake-free water polo," coach Scott Reed said. "The team accomplished its goals of preparing themselves for success next year."

The freshmen certainly turned it out. Freshman Nate Little scored a team high of 70 goals and freshman Daniel Tyner had a team high of 92 points, and also earned CWPA All-South Second Team.

"As a young team, we improved a lot during the season and this offseason, and plan to carry over our improvements into next season," Tyner said.

Reed pushed the team during the four-hour practices with many drills to fix small mistakes.

"I think Coach Reed provided

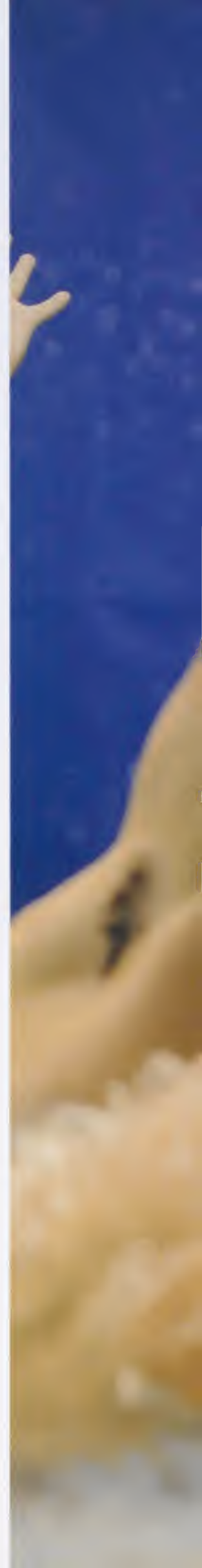
a good environment and good atmosphere to be successful," Tyner said.

Goalkeeper Cameron Illes also made GW history when he made 19 saves against Navy on Oct. 6. This single-game program record highlighted Illes's strong defense abilities. The young offense of the men's team also stood out in the number of goals scored.

"As a team we were extremely strong on offense, despite being as young as we were," Reed said. "Our top three scorers were freshmen."

Although the men's team held a 5-3 lead at halftime during Southerners on Nov. 7, fifth-seeded Mercyhurst grabbed the lead in the fourth quarter. The Colonials took sixth place at the CWPA Southern Division Championship.

"This is an extremely promising team that has a great future ahead of them," Reed said. "With the lessons learned this year they are prepared to succeed in the next season."







TREADING WATER

Women's water polo
finished at No. 8 seed

The women's water polo team played in the newly realigned Southern Division of the Collegiate Water Polo Association. This meant a change from three divisions to a pair of six-team divisions.

"We have a young team with seven freshmen, new faces who will be balanced out by our seven upperclassmen," coach Scott Reed said.

The Colonials played additional home games and received an automatic bid to the league's Eastern Championship for a shot at a berth in the NCAA Final Four.



photo by GW Sports Information

"We always like playing at home because the team really is able to feed off of the crowd," Reed said.

On March 28, the women beat Mercyhurst 12-4 in a defensive breakthrough. At the first ever GW Women's Water Polo Colonials Invite, GW also beat Villanova 13-5.

"We had our meetings during the week and we practiced defense a lot," junior attack Allison Peotter said. "We knew that we would have to defend well against the teams at the invite."

Peotter was named the team 2011

MVP. She topped GW's career lists in assists, steals and swim-offs won, and was on pace to become the program's leader in goals and points in 2012. Senior goalkeeper Charlotte Schou had a season total of 247 saves, the fourth-highest single season save record in program history.

The team linked their defensive success with an efficient offense.

"We cannot forget about what makes us a good team," Reed said. "When we play hard defensively, our offense picks up. That is when we play at our best."

The team finished the season with the No. 8 seed in the 11-team CWPA Eastern Championship.

On April 29, the Colonials beat ninth-seeded Mercyhurst again in the opening game of the tournament. However, after they fell to No. 6 Michigan, GW finished in seventh-place against Bucknell on May 1.

They finished the season with a 7-20 overall record.

Hatchet Reporter Jake Dietcher contributed to this report.



MAKING DREAMS ON THE BEAMS

Gymnastics squad balanced individual talents

The gymnastics team featured a trio of talented upperclassmen in addition to four returning performers and a large incoming class of seven freshmen.

"The 2011 season was one that allowed us to reinforce the foundation of the future of GW gymnastics," 26th season coach Margie Foster-Cunningham said.

Lone senior Leslie Delima provided competitive leadership to the seven freshman newcomers. She concluded her career by qualifying for a fourth consecutive NCAA Regional and earned First Team All-EAGL honors on the balance beam, floor exercise and all-around.

She also set career-high scores in all events in 2011.

"The team was excited and united in the journey this year," Foster-Cunningham said. "With only one graduating senior, we have a bright future ahead."

On Feb. 13, the team recorded a season-high team score in a 192.500-187.825 dual meet victory over William and Mary.

On March 19, the Colonials concluded their 2011 season with a score of 192.575 in the EAGL Championships. GW hosted the championships for the first time at the newly renovated Charles E. Smith Center. They competed against Maryland, New Hampshire, North Carolina, NC State, Pittsburgh, Rutgers and West Virginia.

Five gymnasts qualified for the first round of the NCAA Championships. Delima, sophomore Kayla Carto, redshirt sophomore Monique Blount, and freshmen Kiera Kenney and Betsy Zander competed in individuals events at the Championships at the University of Georgia. Delima finished in 12th place overall in the all-around. Zander finished in 17th place, and Carto finished in 19th place.



STAYING THE COURSE



Golf team showed improvement on the green

After two years of steady improvement in its conference, the 2011 GW golf team aimed to meet its goal of finishing among the top schools in the conference.

"I'm happy with the team the we have down here," head coach Terry Shaffer said. "Everyone started to gel at the right time."

Junior and MVP Andres Pumariega won his third straight individual title on April 4 at the Penn Quaker Invitational. He helped GW place third at the invitational.

Pumariega also won individual medal honors in the 51-player field at the George Washington Invitational men's gold tournament on March 19. He took first place at the invitational and became the first Colonial to win a 54-hole tournament since 2005.

"Golf's kind of an interesting game," Shaffer said. "While you're playing against other teams, you are not really playing against other teams. You are playing against the golf course."

The Colonials finished sixth at the A-10 Conference Men's Golf Championships. The team headed to the 2011 tournament backed by greater experience and depth. The squad's youngest player was a junior.

The team combined to shoot a 314 on May 14 in the final round of the 33rd annual conference.

"I'm disappointed we didn't finish higher and I know our guys are, too," Shaffer said. "I know what we are going to work on as a priority moving forward and that is the short game."

Hatchet Writer Noah Cohen contributed to this report.

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LOSING LEADERS, GAINING EXPERIENCE

Women's lacrosse battled
inconsistency, but
accomplished goals



The GW women's lacrosse program entered its 10th season as a NCAA Division I varsity sport in 2011. The team continued to improve and boasted seven returning starters and 18 returning letter winners from the previous season.

Coach Tara Hannaford encour-

aged the girls to do extra stick work, conditioning and shooting outside of everyday practice. With both their skills and experience, the seniors took up the task of leading the team.

"Junior Hilary Quinn was the most consistent player for us this year," Hannaford said. "She marked up the

opponent's top attacker and made great defensive stops."

Sarah Phillips, Megan Seidman and Nicole Lacey had successful years on the offensive end. Phillips became the program's career assist leader and Lacey was the program's single game, season and career draw control leader.



"The strengths of the team were in the unity and strong bond that we had as a team," Lacey said. "We had a lot of energy this season and everyone got really excited before each game."

The first complete game against Villanova on Mar.17 defined the Colonials squad. Opening the game with six con-

secutive goals, they won 14-8.

"Defensively, we were aggressive and had huge stops," Hannaford said. "We pushed the ball in transition and offensively had outstanding goals."

However, the inconsistency of the games affected the long-term success of the team.

"We could have an outstanding game one day, and then a not so good game right after that," Lacey said.

The Colonials lost 18-10 in their regular-season finale against A-10 rival Richmond on April 22. They finished the 2011 season 6-11 overall and 3-4 in the A-10 Conference.

DYNAMIC AND ENERGETIC

Spirit groups brought positivity to athletes and modeled Colonials' spirit to spectators

With the newly renovated Smith Center, practice facilities for the GW Spirit programs were better than ever and an inspiration for new routines.

"We've been able to utilize more space in the end zones, which allows us to better engage with the fans," coach Ariz Matute said.

Enhancements to the lights and sound in the Smith Center also added a new feel to the basketball

games.

In 2010, both the First Ladies Dance Team and the GW Cheer Team celebrated their 10th consecutive year of competition at the National Championship and National Cheer-leading championships, respectively.

"As always, our goal is to contribute a sense of school spirit among students and throughout campus, whether it is at basketball games, events on campus, or throughout

the Washington Metropolitan area," Matute said.

GW Spirit displayed their new team at Colonial Invasion on Sept. 17. GW Cheer combined gymnastics and smiles while the First Ladies paired up with the men's basketball team for a dance number. Big George, Little George and the Hippo danced their way onto the court, as well, and displayed new moves to hype up the crowd.









MEN'S ROWING



WOMEN'S ROWING



VOLLEYBALL



MEN'S SOCCER



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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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MEN'S WATER POLO



WOMEN'S WATER POLO

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CHEER TEAM



"FIRST LADIES" DANCE TEAM

SENIORS

be**grown-up**











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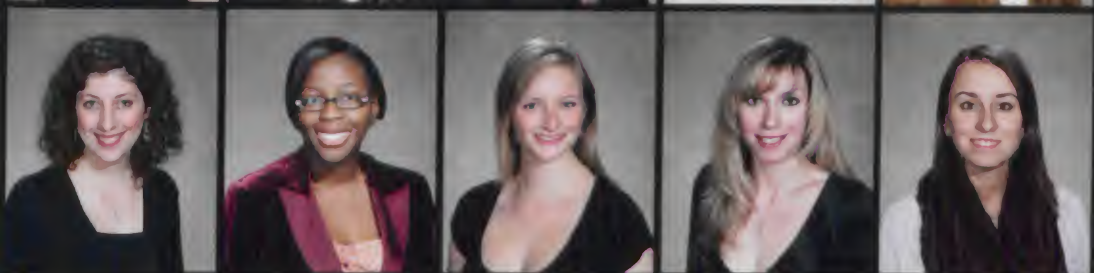
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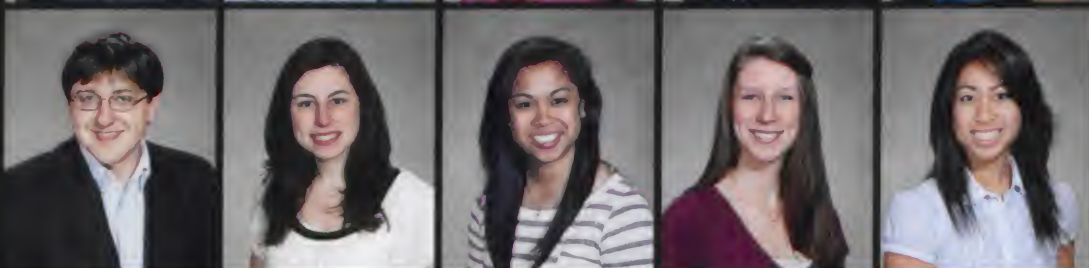
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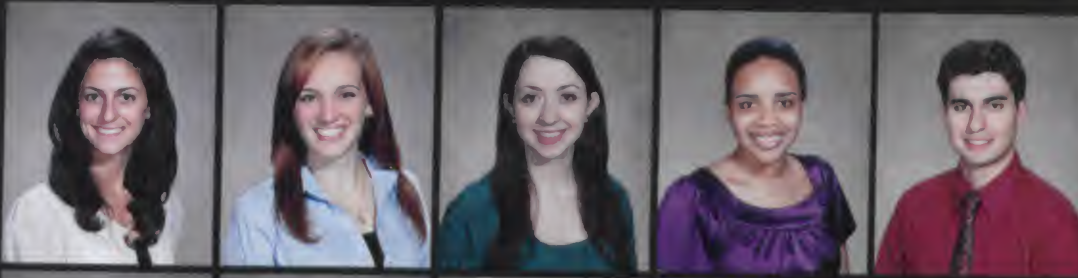
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You are strong, kind, loving and courageous!

Always remember God's grace surrounds you and continues to guide you along each and every step!

The world is already a better place for having you in it.

We are forever proud and love you always.

- Dad & Mom

GABI MARVIN



WITH LOVE WE CONGRATULATE GABI

We're so proud of your many accomplishments. We know that you will go far in life and wish you many blessings along the way! It has been a joy watching you grow from a sweet, bubbly little girl to a beautiful young lady. You light up the room whenever you are around.

We love you so much!

Mom, Dad, Zach, Brittany, Natalie and Sabrina



"Truth is generally the best vindication against slander."
- Abraham Lincoln

"Beware of rashness, but with energy and sleepless vigilance go forward and give us victories."
- Abraham Lincoln

SONDRA NICOLE TUSA



CONGRATULATIONS
SONDRA!

We love you for who you are and are proud of all your accomplishments!

Love, Mom and Dad

PAULETTE LISA SUTTON



To Our Dearest Paulette,

You are the shining light in all our lives. We are so proud of all your achievements at GW. We know your next path in life will be filled with lots of success and many accomplishments. Embrace life with your warm heart and bright smile.

We love you so much,

Mom, Dad, Stephanie, Andrew and
Grandma Judy.

ANDREW WIENGAND



Dear A.J.,

You have worked hard and served others well during your time at GW. The Lord has given you many opportunities to explore the world. We now pray that your life will have a growing impact for good wherever you continue to go. We are all very proud of you and know that the Lord "will be with you always."

With all our Love,
Mom, Dad, Erin, Chuck, Emily, Amy, Ryan, David and Michael

ERICA TARICA



Our Shining Star,
May you always keep growing.
Reach for the stars and the moon.
Mazel tov on your graduation from GWU
and always look ahead.
Follow your path, we will ALWAYS be right behind.
With infinite love

Mom, Dad, Rachel, Grandmas Irma & Shirley,
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NICOLE MESSIER



CONGRATULATIONS
NICOLE!

Dear Nicole,

Thank you for being a great daughter and friend. It's been an honor watching your dedication and high principles. You have been an exceptional gift to me and many others. Good luck and may God bless you in all your endeavors. With all your blessings remember to give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Love,
Dad

ELIZABETH KANE



Team Kane & Mays, 2005 Ice Dance Champions South Atlantic Region, performing their free dance at the Ice Dance Championships, Lake Placid, NY.

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You are an amazing person, and we are very proud of everything you have accomplished. The pride you feel earning your diploma at one of the finest business schools is well deserved.

You were born "to shine" and we know you will be successful with whatever you do. Wishing you much happiness for your future... now go celebrate!

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Mom and Dad



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WE KNOW HOW HARD YOU'VE WORKED TO GET TO THIS DAY... -- HOW DEEP YOUR DREAMS RUN, HOW BRIGHT YOUR FUTURE SHINES... -- AND HOW MUCH YOU DESERVE TO BE CELEBRATED. -- CONGRATULATIONS! GO GET 'EM, COWBOY!!!

RODNEY SALAZAR

We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments you have achieved at GW. Keep up the hard work because all of the opportunities you are about to face in the future will be worthwhile. Congratulations!

We love you! April, Ninang Olive and Ninong John

JASON KATZ



Dear Jason,
It is hard to believe our first grandchild is graduating college. It has been such a joy watching you achieve the goals you set for yourself these past four years at GW. Good luck with your future endeavors. There is no doubt that you will be successful at whatever you choose to do. With Love and Pride,
Grandma & Grandpa Katz

MAUREEN KILROY



Congratulations Maureen!

You've grown into an inspirational person who is adventurous, empathetic, and a deep, perceptive thinker. We love and admire these qualities in you. The spirited and gracious woman we know today was always evident in the goofy, outgoing kid who charmed strangers wherever she went. May you always maintain your bright colors and imagination!

Dad, Wanda, and Caitlin

SHELBY ANNE HARTMAN



Congratulations to our beautiful, accomplished Shelby.

This is the first day of the rest of your life- May all your dreams come true!! We are very proud of you and love you so much.

XO Gram and Grandpa

AARON PARSOW



Congratulations Aaron, we are so proud of all you have accomplished.

Love always and forever,
Mom, Charles and Grandma

JASON KATZ



Congrats Jason, What an incredible ride it has been for you. We are extremely proud of you & your accomplishments at GW. You reached for the top and made it! You are an exceptional young man and we know your future will be bright. We look forward to your continued growth as you reach the next stage of your life's journey. We have no doubt that you will be successful. We love you, Dad, Mom & Michelle

DESU DAMTEW



Hi Dad,
We are so proud of your many accomplishments at GW. You are an inspiration for all of us and we always knew that you would do well in whatever you strive for. Congratulations again on this day. We love you and couldn't be happier.
Elsa, Naomi and Jericho

DANIELLE FEINSTEIN



Danielle Feinstein
Freshman year at GW started off with excitement as you witnessed history being made with the election of President Obama. Your summer travels and junior year study abroad in Egypt and Israel opened your eyes to the world around you. Now as you graduate, always remember how proud we are of you and how much we love you!
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Grandma Eva, Grandma Frances and Uncle Abey

MICHAEL CRAIG BARNETT



We're all so proud of your success at GW
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 You've always had a knack for bobbleheads & business
 Good Luck at Citigroup in New York City

*****Love from Mom, Dad and Becky*****



KADIN NAZKANI



To my son, with much love and great pride from your Mom:

"If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams and endeavors to live the life that he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours." - Henry David Thoreau

With a world of opportunities ahead of you and a wealth of memories behind you, may you set out for the future with confidence, determination and pride in the man you have become.

Congratulations and loving best wishes as you begin your journey!

JACK BARBOUR



"Everything you can imagine is real".

- Pablo Picasso

Congratulations Jack! We love you millions and are so very proud!

Mom, Dad and James xoxoxox

AARON GALLANT

I believe in this beautiful country. I have studied its roots and gloried in the wisdom of its magnificent Constitution. I have marveled at the wisdom of its founders and framers. Generation after generation of Americans has understood the lofty ideals that underlie our great Republic. I have been inspired by the story of their sacrifice and their strength.

- Robert Byrd

Love,
Mom, Dad and Heather

KESLEY KING



Congratulations Kelsey!

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

- Maya Angelou
Love, Mum and Dad

KATERINA TAKETZIS



"I am only one. But still I am one. I cannot do everything. But still I can do something; And because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

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Rodney,
Congratulations. You did it! We're so proud of your accomplishments at GW. We hope God will continue to guide you in everything you do in the future. Just remember we're always here to support you. We love you.

Your Family, Dad, Mom, Jessica, Oxon Hill Rentals Staff

ALEXANDRA CUMMINS



Dear Lexi,
Congratulations
on your
Graduation Day!
We are all so very
proud of your
accomplishment
and know that
your future is
bright. You have
all of our best
wishes and love
and we look
forward to seeing
how brilliantly you
shine.

Love you always,
Dad, Sue Ellen,
Ariana, Kirby,
Cameron, Rhodey
and Dash

DEBORAH MATTELIANO



To finish the
moment, to find
the journey's
end in every step
of the road, to
live the greatest
number of good
hours, is wisdom.

- R.W. Emerson

ABBY WOLFE



Dear Abby,
This is truly a time to celebrate you – your
accomplishments, perseverance, spirit and your many
dreams yet to be realized. Your George Washington
degree is the culmination of years of focus and hard
work for which you should be very proud. We are!!! Go
get 'em Abs!
Love, Mom and Timothy

SHELBY ANNE HARTMAN



Dearest Shelby,
We are so proud of the person you
are and all you have accomplished.
For 21 years you have blessed
our lives with your spirit, talent,
kindness and compassion. We
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Mom & Dad

STEPHEN YOUDEEM



Stephen,

Always stay true to yourself and your beliefs. You always have the answer, you know who you are and what you want. We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments.

Love You,

Mom, Dad and Alex

RACHEL ROSENBLUM



Rachel
Congratulations! We are so proud of you.
We can't wait to see what you accomplish next.
Love, Mom, Dad, Amanda and Lauren.

ZIPPORAH MILES



You have made me extremely proud and I am honored to celebrate this great achievement with you. May God continue to bless, guide and enrich every aspect of your life.

All my love and Best Wishes,
Aunt Bev

ALEX ROSEN



Dear Alex,
We're all so very proud of you! Always
know how much we love and admire you,
and that we're always here for you. Words
can't even describe how we feel about your
wonderful milestone!
Love you always,
Mom and Dad xxxxooo

REVA SINGH



Reva Rani,

Congrats! You have brought magic in our lives and are a shining star. So, reach for the best and aim high. We wish you health, wealth, success and happiness in all that you do in your life.

Love,

Nathan Bhai, Mom and Dad

PETER THOMAS



Peter Thomas,

Congratulations on your momentous achievement! You persevered and reached the top of the mountain. You made yourself proud and us as well.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Hunter and Richard

KONRAD KOPCZYNSKI



Konrad,

Congratulations on early college graduation! We are proud of you and wish you a lot of success and self-realization in your private and professional life. We are with you always and everywhere.

Mom, Dad and Kamila with Shadow

RACHEL VORSANGER



Dear Rachel,
We love you and are so proud of you. Stay true to your dreams
and live the life you've imagined!
Love, Mom, Dad, Matthew, Andrew and Sarah

ANDREW STADLER



CONGRATULATIONS!

Dear Andrew,
We are all so proud of you! We love you with all our
hearts. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good. He
will complete the good work he has begun.

Dad, Mom, Timothy and Anna

STEPHEN MOLLDREM



Congratulations Stephen Mollrem
May the knowledge, friendships, and discoveries from
your GWU years serve you well. You deserve the very
best of happiness and success.

Here's to a fulfilling and rewarding life ahead for you!!!
With all our love and best wishes,
Mom, Grandma Char, Bill Azura and Chloe



Josh Palgon

Congrats on all you've accomplished.
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Love,
Dad, Mom and David

KADIN NAZKANI



Dear Kadin,

We are all so proud of your achievement. Congratulations!

This represents a major milestone as you continue on your quest towards your personal and professional goals.

You can always count on our love and support as you take on new endeavors both large and small.

We are happy and excited as you embark on a new journey. Wishing you a fulfilling and rewarding career.

All our love,

Dad and Kathy, Gavin and Margaux

JONATHAN WESS BLAKELY



Jonathan,
We are so proud of all of your accomplishments at GWU. We pray that God will continue to bless you immeasurably more than all you could ask or imagine, and that everything that you do will be successful! We love you very much! Way to GO JWB!!

Love Always, Mom & Dad

MEGAN SCHULTE



"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."- Mark Twain

Congratulations Megan!

We are so proud of you graduating from GW!

Love, Mom, Dad, Lisa, Jennifer & Kevin Willie & Riley

ALI PARDO



CONGRATULATIONS ALI !!!

We are PROUD of YOU....
May God Always Bless You..

Love You Lots,
Dad, Mom, Manny, Jenna, Bobby,
Ben, Jr., & Teddie

CORINNE SPYCHALA



Corinne,
We have watched you grow and experience life to its' fullest these last four years. From being a freshman at Thurston, becoming a Kappa, summer internships in DC, spending a semester in Paris and traveling with friends, the time has gone by so quickly. You have made us so very proud. Always remember who you are and that you are loved!
Always...Always,
Mom, Dad & Matt



BETHANY THOMAS



CONGRATULATIONS Bethany Frances Eleanor Thomas

I Hope You Dance

I hope you never lose your sense of wonder
You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger
May you never take one single breath for granted
God forbid love ever leave you empty-handed
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance

I hope you dance
I hope you dance

I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance
Never settle for the path of least resistance
Living might mean taking chances but they're worth taking
Lovin' might be a mistake but it's worth making
Don't let some hell-bent heart leave you bitter
When you come close to selling out reconsider
Give the heavens more than just a passing glance
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance

I hope you dance
(Time is a wheel in constant motion always)
I hope you dance
(Rolling us along)
I hope you dance
(Tell me who wants to look back on their years and wonder)
I hope you dance
(Where those years have gone)

I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance

Dance
I hope you dance

Mark D. Sanders and Tia Sillers

We love you and are so proud of you. Mom and Emily
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CHRISTOPHER PAPPAS



Our wish for you:

Success:

To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Love, Louise, Dennis and Alex

ALISA MOUSAVI



Dear Alisa,
Congratulations! We are so proud to have a daughter like you. We love you and your smart, funny and affectionate personality. You have always been great at everything you did, from elementary school to high school and at GW. We know that you will be successful in everything you do and could not be happier at your graduation.

Love, Mom and Dad

CHRISTINE PENFOLD



Real success is the personal satisfaction and feeling of accomplishment that comes from knowing that you have done your best to reach your fullest potential.

Chrissy, the choices you have made have made you the success you are today. We couldn't be prouder of you; you are an exceptional young lady and God's gift to us!

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Justin, Jacquie and Bobby





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Congratulations
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Love,
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and Adam

STEPHANIE MAYER



Steph,

Keep climbing
and running to
the top! You
are the best!

We love you!

DEEZA-MAE SMITH



To our Caribbean love, Deeza-Mae:

Stay fabulous! We love you!

WHITNEY EWING



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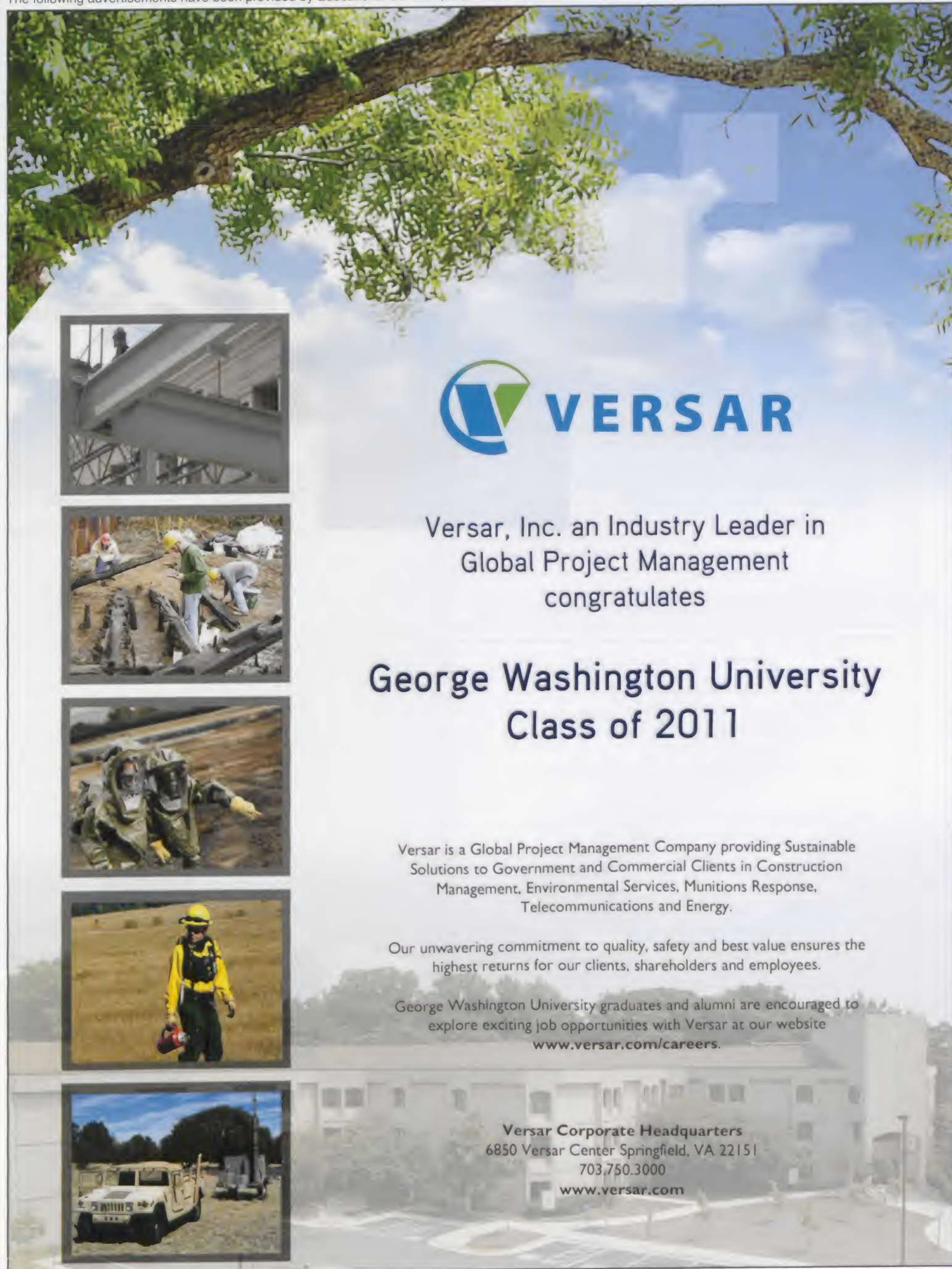
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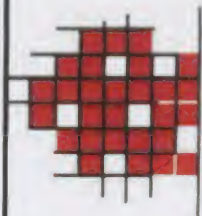
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ASH MCDANIEL

Working for the yearbook my senior year was a great experience. I got the chance to work with great people, act as a representative for a wonderful university and interact with more students and faculty as a result. I'm so proud of this book and appreciate all the work each member of this staff has put in.

Alli— you were my right hand girl and I really don't know what I would have done without you. Your style and mine might have been different, but together we made a great book. Alec— thank you so much for your tireless efforts to make this book beautiful. You took the ideas I had in my head and turned them into something tangible. Jen— thanks for your great photos and all the time you put in to make our book a success. Matt Marshall— what would we have done without you? I've picked up a few business terms, but I know that our ads and all the other business related issues would not have been handled without you.

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Thank you as well to Leslie and Deborah. Our trips to Dallas were so memorable and I will always be grateful that I am able to say I was a part of this great organization.

And to GW— thanks for all the memories and for letting me chronicle them in this book. This was one of the best portions of my life and I will always look back at GW with a smile.



ALLI HOFF

Two years working on the yearbook staff has given me an incredible opportunity to see the heart of this university— and I am proud to have been a part of it. What you see here is a great deal of work, but more importantly, a great deal of passion, and it would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of our wonderful team.

To Natalie, Becky, Jessica, and Meredith— thank you for working so diligently to perfect your copy. I know that I am a perfectionist, and I appreciate your patience with my neuroses! To Matt— thank you for sticking with us for another year and never failing to lighten up a stressful meeting. To Jen and Alec— you are without a doubt the hardest working members of the staff, and I hope you realize how grateful I am for your tenacity. You have created a beautiful finished product and it's truly something to be proud of. To Joe— thank you for your marketing expertise and dedication to making the yearbook a staple of this community. To Ash— thank you for being such an amazing partner throughout this journey. It wasn't always easy, but I have the utmost respect for you as both a person and an editor, and I know you are going to do amazing things! This book would not have been possible without the persistent support of Deborah and Leslie. It has been an honor to work with you both for two years, and I thank you for the opportunity to be part of this team.

Finally, I would be remiss to leave out a few personal thank yous— to my family, to my friends, and to Matt. Thank you for keeping me tough and making me laugh. I am blessed to have you all in my life!

After serving as a staffer during my freshman year and working as the Student Life Editor my sophomore year, I truly am grateful to have been a part of the editorial board for the 2011 Cherry Tree yearbook. As the Executive Editor, it was my job to help facilitate the creation of the yearbook. Each and every day I am amazed by the sheer number of dedicated, passionate and driven individuals who walk the grounds of GW. It is because of you that this school is such a wonderful place and I can only hope that this book showcases the boldness and diversity of your endeavors.

While the job was stressful at times, I consider myself incredibly lucky to have worked alongside this year's Cherry Tree staff. All of you are such amazing people and I hope you realize how much I value your friendship. Becky, you are one of the kindest souls I have ever met and I am so grateful that I was able to get to know you better this semester. I wish you the very best of luck for life after college. Alli, for the past two years you have been the unsung hero of the Cherry Tree, doing far more work to advance the quality of the book than anyone can ever imagine. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you and very much value your friendship. Thank you so much for your service and dedication; you truly will be missed next year. Ash, words cannot express how happy I am to have been a part of your team. You are a great friend, with an excellent sense of humor and an even bigger heart. Thank you for leading the Cherry Tree and I can't wait to see the places you will go in the years to come.

As for those who aren't graduating – Alec, Jen, Jessica, Matt, Meredith and Natalie – I congratulate all of you on a job well done and look forward to working with you again next year!



JOSEPH RASER

The last two years working as Business Manager for the yearbook have been a pleasure. The hard work and talent of the Cherry Tree staff has created yet another record of GWU's history.

Special thanks to Alli and Ash for their leadership and keeping me up to speed with everything. Alec and Joe– thank you for all the help designing the ads and making sure the parents were happy.

Most importantly, thank you so much to all the parents for not only sending your kids to GWU, but also for your support. Your contribution to parent advertisements and your reminders to your son or daughter to have their senior portrait taken helped create another great yearbook.

Good luck to the departing Cherry Tree staff and the graduating class of 2011. I wish you all the best.



MATT MARSHALL



BECKY RIFKIN

Working on the yearbook my senior year was an amazing experience. My biggest thank you is to everyone at GW—everyone I interviewed, got quotes from, who helped out with pictures or even just gave me inspiration. Further, I especially want to thank Ash. Without her nagging, I would never have agreed to work with my roommate and would have missed out on this amazing experience. I also want to thank Alli for putting up with my horrible spelling. She will do amazing things in her last semester at GW and beyond. Jen was an amazing photographer and always fun to chat with at events. I want to commend Alec for bringing my words to life in his designs. And thank you to everyone else on the staff. I know they are as excited and proud of this book as I am. A quick thank you also to my staffer, Elisa. She was always there when I needed her. It has been a great experience capturing my last year at GW and thank you to everyone who helped.



JESSICA CHACE

I really enjoyed being on staff this year. It was a great experience, and I got to meet a lot of smart and talented GW students.

I would like to thank everyone on the Cherry Tree staff. Ash, Alli and Joe— sorry to have flooded your inboxes with obvious and pointless questions, but thank you for your guidance and support throughout the year. Becky, Meredith and Natalie— thank you for listening when I vented my frustrations at our meetings. Matt— I wish I had gotten to know you better, but thank you for always being on time to take my place during tabling. Alec— I really enjoyed your company during fall office hours, and thank you for creating fantastic spreads in my section. Jen— thank you for running to photo shoots, taking wonderful photos and editing my many group photos. I really enjoyed getting to know you all and wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Finally, I would to thank all of the student organization presidents and members for putting up with my nagging emails. I really appreciate your assistance, and I am glad to know that the student body is made up of such passionate and hard-working students.

In my second year as the Greek Life editor for The Cherry Tree, the staff has started to feel like a little family. With the work of past members combined with fresh faces, I'm excited to see the outcome of the yearbook! I would like to thank everyone for being so accommodating while I was abroad during the second semester and still allowing me to have a role in creating such a special artifact for our school. A special thank you to Alli, Joe and Ash for your patience and an extra special thank you to Leslie and Deborah for your guidance and the delicious Founding Farmers brunch we had once upon a time ago. I look forward to continuing my position as a senior next year!



NATALIE KORNICKS

Although I worked on the yearbook as the sports editor in high school, working for the GW Cherry Tree was a completely different job. The small staff was a great environment and the experience really gave me a chance to explore Colonial spirit.

I would like to thank first Natalie for getting me involved and interested in working for the Cherry Tree. I would like to thank Ash for her extremely helpful wisdom and advice on being a sports editor. Thank you Alli for perfecting my copy and Jen and Alec for your patience when dealing with sports! I would also like to thank Becky, Jessica and Joe for being helpful and creative members of the staff.

I would especially like to give a huge praise of thanks to the entire GW Sports staff for responding to my countless e-mails with my many requests, as well as the coaches and athletes that helped me out. I look forward to another great staff of the Cherry Tree and an even better year of sports! Good luck to the graduating class of 2011!



MEREDITH SHOENING



JEN KAMINSKY

I just want to thank everyone for making my time as photography editor for The Cherry Tree an amazing experience. I had worked on newspapers in the past and have never collaborated on a yearbook before, so this gave me the opportunity to explore my creative side and really dig deeper into campus life at GW. I enjoyed being able to capture different events and meet with students, administrators, etc. Ash– I'm glad we got the opportunity to work together again! Becky– thanks for going with me to events! To everyone else– I appreciate all of your hard work and have enjoyed working with you all.



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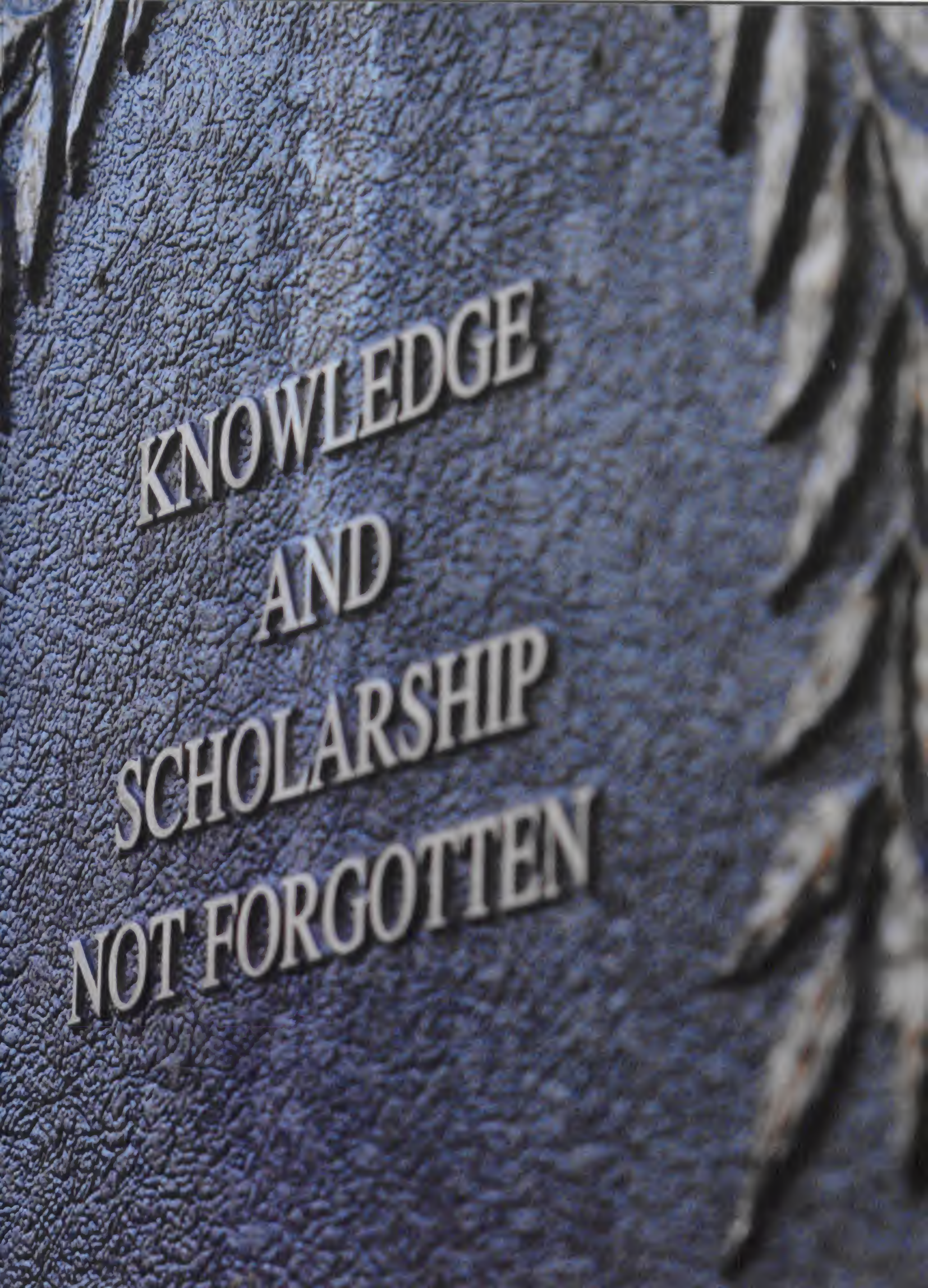












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